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STATISTICS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Area of State—975,920 square miles.

Metropolitan Area—191 square miles.

I.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

No. 1.—Population of Western Australia (exclusive of full-blood Aborigines†) from 1951.*

(For mean population of fiscal years, see Table No. 7.)

Period.	Estimated Population at end of Period.			Increase during Period.	Masculinity. (a)	Mean Population.	Estimated Population of Metropolitan Area at end of Period.
	Males.	Females.	Total.				
1951	304,454	285,885	590,339	17,690	106.50	580,317	322,000
1952	316,700	296,235	612,935	22,596	106.91	600,615	335,000
1953	326,372	305,371	631,743	18,808	106.88	621,034	345,000
1954	334,886	314,529	649,415	17,672	106.47	640,140	354,000
1955	345,487	325,263	670,750	21,335	106.22	658,747	365,000
March Quarter	336,089	316,752	652,841	3,426	106.10	651,128	(b)
June Quarter	339,171	319,367	658,538	5,697	106.20	655,690	359,000
Sept. Quarter	341,642	322,446	664,088	5,550	105.95	661,513	(b)
Dec. Quarter	345,487	325,263	670,750	6,662	106.22	667,419	365,000

(a) Number of Males to each 100 Females.

(b) Not available.

† Estimated Full-blood Aboriginal Population in the State on 30th June, 1955—14,000.

* Adjusted in accordance with final results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

No. 2.—Migration.

Period.	Arrivals.			Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures. (a).		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
INTERSTATE.									
1951	37,252	23,788	66,040	37,071	28,507	65,578	181	281	462
1952	36,930	28,036	64,966	36,291	27,098	63,389	639	938	1,577
1953	38,562	29,230	67,792	37,418	29,210	66,628	1,144	20	1,164
1954	38,537	28,576	67,113	38,770	28,471	67,241	233	105	128
1955	40,550	30,466	71,016	40,945	29,839	70,784	395	627	232
March Quarter	10,979	9,330	20,309	12,457	9,373	21,830	1,478	43	1,521
June Quarter	9,280	6,629	15,909	8,881	6,486	15,367	399	143	542
September Quarter	9,409	6,443	15,852	9,695	6,028	15,723	286	415	129
December Quarter	10,882	8,064	18,946	9,912	7,952	17,864	970	112	1,082
OVERSEAS									
1951	7,472	5,742	13,214	2,487	2,764	5,251	4,985	2,978	7,963
1952	10,287	7,410	17,697	3,333	3,264	6,597	6,954	4,146	11,100
1953	7,265	7,006	14,271	3,730	3,447	7,177	3,535	3,559	7,094
1954	8,233	7,624	15,857	4,389	4,112	8,501	3,844	3,512	7,356
1955	9,968	8,217	18,185	4,302	4,024	8,326	5,666	4,193	9,859
March Quarter	2,564	1,969	4,533	1,220	1,193	2,413	1,344	776	2,120
June Quarter	2,503	2,060	4,563	1,159	1,096	2,255	1,344	964	2,308
September Quarter	2,249	1,807	4,056	796	718	1,514	1,453	1,089	2,542
December Quarter	2,652	2,381	5,033	1,127	1,017	2,144	1,525	1,364	2,889
TOTAL.									
1951	44,724	34,530	79,254	39,558	31,271	70,829	5,166	3,259	8,425
1952	47,217	35,446	82,663	39,624	30,362	69,986	7,593	5,084	12,677
1953	45,827	36,236	82,063	41,148	32,657	73,805	4,679	3,579	8,258
1954	46,770	36,200	82,970	43,159	32,583	75,742	3,611	3,617	7,228
1955	50,518	38,683	89,201	45,247	33,863	79,110	5,271	4,820	10,091
March Quarter	13,543	11,299	24,842	13,677	10,566	24,243	134	733	599
June Quarter	11,783	8,689	20,472	10,040	7,582	17,622	1,743	1,107	2,850
September Quarter	11,658	8,250	19,908	10,491	6,746	17,237	1,167	1,504	2,671
December Quarter	13,534	10,445	23,979	11,039	8,969	20,008	2,495	1,476	3,971

(a) Minus sign (—) denotes excess of Departures over Arrivals.

No. 3.—Marriages, Births, and Deaths in Western Australia from 1951.

Period	Marriages.	Births.			Deaths.			Excess of Births over Deaths.	Annual Birth, Death, and Marriage Rate per 1,000 of Mean Population.			Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births.
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.		Birth Rate.	Death Rate.	Marriage Rate.	
1951	5,390	7,684	7,110	14,794	3,086	2,202	5,288	9,506	25.49	9.11	9.29	28.73
1952	5,389	7,826	7,587	15,413	3,077	2,132	5,209	10,204	25.66	8.67	8.97	24.91
1953	5,032	8,066	7,806	15,862	3,008	2,064	5,072	10,790	25.54	8.17	8.10	23.83
1954	5,204	8,136	7,792	15,928	3,203	2,161	5,364	10,564	24.88	8.38	8.13	22.54
1955	5,145	8,436	8,187	16,623	3,106	2,273	5,379	11,244	25.23	8.17	7.81	22.44
March Quarter	1,429	2,062	2,026	4,088	725	536	1,261	2,827	25.46	7.85	8.90	22.75
June Quarter	1,283	2,090	2,032	4,122	751	524	1,275	2,847	25.22	7.80	7.85	24.26
Sept. Quarter	1,066	2,189	2,185	4,374	885	610	1,495	2,879	26.24	8.97	6.40	19.89
Dec. Quarter	1,367	2,095	1,944	4,039	745	603	1,348	2,691	24.01	8.01	8.13	23.03

III.—FINANCE.

No. 4.—State Revenue, July to December, 1955.

Particulars.	October.	November.	December.	Six Months ended 31st December.
Governmental.	£	£	£	£
<i>Taxation—</i>				
States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Acts (a)	822,338	822,338	822,323	4,934,000
Land Tax	8,722	21,094	30,420	164,043
Totalisator Duty	14,199	16,037	13,707	73,759
Stamp Duty	107,951	117,688	114,217	688,082
Probate Duty	76,953	106,411	58,645	540,731
Licenses	2,942	5,107	42,836	164,374
Entertainment Tax	16,166	20,935	18,326	109,765
Turnover Tax and Bookmakers' Licenses	27,585	31,100	25,538	180,620
Total	1,076,856	1,140,710	1,126,012	6,855,374
<i>Territorial—</i>				
Land	33,189	7,080	8,715	140,768
Mining	225	211	1,140	31,643
Timber	74,229	76,679	84,140	456,837
Total	107,643	83,970	93,995	629,248
<i>Law Courts</i>	<i>21,571</i>	<i>25,534</i>	<i>22,580</i>	<i>144,230</i>
<i>Departmental Reimbursements, Fees, etc.</i>	<i>253,356</i>	<i>273,978</i>	<i>388,624</i>	<i>1,754,089</i>
<i>Royal Mint</i>	<i>8,000</i>	<i>8,000</i>	<i>6,279</i>	<i>51,132</i>
Total	282,927	307,512	417,483	1,949,451
<i>Commonwealth—</i>				
States Grants Acts (b)	591,667	1,356,250	739,583	4,462,500
Interest Contributions	39,453	39,453	39,453	236,718
Total (Commonwealth)	631,120	1,395,703	779,036	4,699,218
Total (Governmental)	2,098,546	2,927,895	2,416,526	14,133,291
Public Utilities.				
Bunbury Harbour Board	Dr. 20,000			
Fremantle Harbour Trust	32,500	34,542	27,577	223,649
Country Areas Water Supply	13,951	12,023	14,442	59,777
State Abattoirs and Saleyards	217,762	333,169	164,734	1,202,294
Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage	32,221	48,048	38,577	168,808
Other Hydraulic Undertakings	1,124,919	1,114,997	976,313	6,303,525
Railways	598	539	835	3,716
State Ferries	3,438	4,184	5,228	21,476
State Batteries	1,964	2,276	2,117	10,911
Caves House	84,325	81,063	79,599	488,049
Tramways	2,648	2,919	5,037	19,220
Medina Hotel				
Total	1,494,326	1,633,760	1,314,459	8,501,425
State Trading Concerns.				
Profits Recovered	4,500	4,500	2,000	11,000
Recoup of Departmental Charges, Interest, etc.	677	641	118,824	123,236
Total	5,177	5,141	120,824	134,236
Grand Total	3,598,049	4,566,796	3,851,809	22,768,952

(a) Includes amounts paid under States Grants (Special Financial Assistance) Acts but treated as Tax Reimbursement by the State Treasury. (b) See note (a).

No. 5.—State Expenditure, July to December, 1955.

Particulars.	October.	November.	December.	Six Months ended 31st December.
Special Acts.	£	£	£	£
Constitution Acts	1,467	1,467	404	7,737
Loan Acts—Interest and Sinking Fund	648,581	651,020	653,541	3,902,543
Auditor General	185	186	139	1,159
Agriculture Protection Board	8,750	8,750	8,750	52,500
Coal Mine Workers (Pensions) Act, 1943–50	2,500	2,500	2,500	15,000
Commonwealth Pensions	565	565	Cr. 171	Cr. 171
Court of Arbitration	19,207	168	464	3,292
Fire Brigades Act Contribution	169	123	1,051	36,226
Forests Act—Conservator of Forests	75,116	61,876	70,382	398,330
Forests Act—Transfer from Revenue	1,276	1,274	1,864	8,387
Government Employees' Pensions Act, 1948	217	217	217	1,300
Judges' Pensions	1,000	1,000	773	5,773
Judges' Salaries and Pensions Act, 1950
Land Agents Act, 1921–48
Members of Parliament, Reimbursement of Expenses Act, No. 47 of 1953	1,512	1,539	1,838	9,820
Mine Workers' Relief Act	3,491	16	6,775
Native Administration Act	10,000
Parliamentary Allowances	9,303	9,413	34,892	81,105
Parliamentary Superannuation Act, 1948	12,720	12,595	12,574	76,226
Pensions and Retiring Allowances	8,434	8,359	18,258	63,813
Pensions Supplementation Act, No. 78 of 1953	214	214	169	1,240
Public Service Commissioner	25,000
Royal Mint	989	989	715	6,452
Stipendiary Magistrates	59,875	39,989	40,577	259,577
Superannuation Act	146	147	122	852
The Agent General Act	1,134	42	3,108	5,231
University Building Acts	3,333	3,333	3,333	20,000
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Wheat Industry Stabilisation Act
Total	860,184	805,659	854,572	4,999,287
Legislature.
Legislative Council	601	594	604	3,830
Legislative Assembly	866	844	860	5,387
Joint House Committee	1,998	1,958	2,291	12,023
Joint Printing Committee	1,508	1,504	1,542	10,452
Joint Library Committee	117	87	31	383
Total	5,090	4,987	5,328	32,075
Departments.
<i>Premier and Treasurer—</i>
Premier's	1,924	2,709	2,689	16,371
Treasury	10,536	9,696	11,554	66,046
Governor's Establishment	1,464	1,519	1,730	10,415
Executive Council
London Agency	1,552	3,026	1,156	11,041
Public Service Commissioner	1,423	1,131	1,360	9,833
Government Motor Cars	1,752	707	28	7,613
Audit	4,825	5,043	6,040	33,193
Compassionate Allowances	52	53	53	315
Government Stores	7,082	9,166	7,646	54,041
Taxation	6,000	6,000
Superannuation Board	1,310	917	966	6,701
Printing	41,851	31,377	33,717	203,001
Miscellaneous	145,149	120,816	134,498	831,652
Total	218,920	186,160	207,437	1,256,222
<i>Minister for Child Welfare—</i>
Child Welfare	28,634	27,223	30,523	159,881
<i>Minister for Works and Water Supplies—</i>
Public Works and Buildings	98,716	126,701	82,775	643,134
<i>Minister for Education, Native Welfare, Labour and Prices—</i>
Education	494,455	490,631	660,319	3,125,120
Native Welfare	9,889	15,000	14,000	81,292
Labour	830	779	913	5,277
Prices	2,134	2,166	2,103	13,654
Factories
State Insurance
Total	507,308	508,576	677,335	3,225,343
<i>Chief Secretary—</i>
Chief Secretary	5,582	8,594	10,180	54,271
Registry and Friendly Societies	6,758	4,830	6,529	40,490
Prisons	14,336	17,694	12,054	89,999
Observatory	285	319	312	1,929
Total	26,961	31,437	29,075	186,689

No. 5.—State Expenditure—continued.

Particulars.	October.	November.	December.	Six Months ended 31st December.
Minister for Local Government and Town Planning—	£	£	£	£
Local Government	3,028	2,432	2,527	16,716
Town Planning	2,087	2,670	1,971	14,272
Total	5,115	5,102	4,498	30,988
Minister for Lands and Agriculture—				
Lands and Surveys	49,313	43,847	44,041	307,819
Rural and Industries Bank				
Agriculture	68,969	60,613	50,791	315,731
College of Agriculture	3,810	3,576	5,713	26,500
Agriculture Protection Board	1,095	2,036	1,156	11,452
Bush Fires Board	374	385	346	2,616
Total	123,561	110,457	102,047	664,118
Minister for Police—				
Police	118,626	110,594	123,287	708,749
Minister for Health and Justice—				
Medical	261,014	250,176	323,320	1,472,778
Homes	22,951	23,799	25,892	146,857
Public Health	17,841	22,362	35,453	167,524
Tuberculosis	35,407	42,644	39,714	250,677
Mental Hospitals and Inebriates	64,566	64,716	72,803	396,248
Crown Law	32,732	33,602	34,068	212,802
Licensing	588	551	568	3,707
Arbitration Court	1,745	1,812	2,119	12,991
Total	436,834	439,662	533,937	2,662,584
Minister for Housing and Forests—				
Housing	14,418	37,233	30,842	158,664
Forests				
Total	14,418	37,233	30,842	158,664
Minister for Mines and Fisheries—				
Mines	31,245	27,855	23,039	192,538
Department of Industrial Development	12,639	5,169	6,080	45,079
Fisheries	4,109	3,508	4,128	23,493
Tourist Bureau	2,909	2,229	3,146	15,914
Total	50,902	38,761	36,393	277,024
Minister for North-West and Supply and Shipping—				
North-West	128,250	112,048	236,716	828,276
Harbour and Lights and Jetties	16,541	19,812	12,858	89,823
Supply and Shipping	596	634	784	4,252
Total	145,387	132,494	250,358	922,351
Total Departmental	1,775,382	1,754,400	2,108,507	10,895,747
Public Utilities—				
Country Areas Water Supply Schemes	44,395	79,639	33,916	278,369
Other Hydraulic Undertakings	45,250	48,395	45,417	247,500
State Abattoirs and Saleyards	13,652	11,301	13,985	64,388
Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage	96,857	63,149	81,975	481,657
Railways	1,420,152	1,379,025	1,397,811	7,894,980
Tramways	90,942	98,912	101,679	583,468
Ferries	1,188	1,751	1,281	7,928
State Batteries	12,019	14,475	15,302	79,947
Caves House, etc.	3,334	3,951	3,450	19,236
Medina Hotel	3,130	2,781	3,790	16,836
Total	1,730,919	1,703,379	1,698,606	9,674,309
GRAND TOTAL	4,371,575	4,268,425	4,667,013	25,601,418

No. 6.—Net Loan Expenditure on Public Works, etc., from 1872.

Includes Expenditure from Loan Suspense Account.

Year	Railways, Tramways, and Electricity.	Harbours, Rivers, Light-houses, etc.	Roads and Bridges.	Public Buildings.	Water Supply and Sewerage, etc. (a)	Development of Goldfields and Mineral Resources.	Development of Agriculture. (b)	Immigration.	Miscellaneous. (c)	Total. (d)
To—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
30–6–50	36,886,203	8,453,409	3,183,327	5,375,587	22,337,392	4,710,595	27,557,410	504,393	8,599,535	117,607,851
1950–51	5,157,036	582,213	.....	1,001,695	2,045,312	437,821	Cr. 10,590	.....	1,113,107	10,326,550
1951–52	10,940,953	1,346,808	.....	1,364,556	2,401,331	304,949	Cr. 35,928	.....	1,435,626	17,758,220
1952–53	6,856,306	1,210,975	.....	2,716,163	2,429,186	297,067	325,559	.....	3,771,081	17,606,333
1953–54	6,350,511	1,163,776	.....	1,572,045	1,969,720	143,016	1,124,192	.....	1,870,714	14,193,937
1954–55	5,580,814	960,011	.....	1,996,616	2,330,321	68,886	Cr. 13,347	.....	3,307,669	14,730,979
Total	71,771,823	13,717,192	3,183,327	14,026,662	34,013,262	5,962,334	28,947,296	504,393	21,097,732	192,224,000

(a) Including Irrigation and Country Water Supplies. (b) Including operations of the Rural and Industries Bank, and Land Settlement, etc. (c) Including State Business Undertakings. (d) Exclusive of Flotation Expenses and Revenue Deficits.

No. 7.—Summary of State Revenue, 1st July, 1950, to 31st December, 1955.

Period.	Collected by the State.				From Common- wealth Funds. (b)	Total State Revenue.	Mean Popula- tion.	Revenue per head Popu- lation.	
	Taxa- tion. (a)	Land, Timber, and Mining.	Business Concerns.						Other Sources.
			Railways and Tramways.	Other.					
	£	£	£	£	£	£	No.	£	
1950-51	9,132,251	615,229	7,642,412	2,078,603	3,192,515	5,495,171	28,156,181	49-37	
1951-52	11,716,390	650,062	10,133,268	2,180,082	3,713,923	5,561,432	33,955,157	559,887	
1952-53	13,478,095	756,378	8,980,290	2,381,595	4,614,446	8,673,432	38,884,236	611,191	
1953-54	14,581,503	964,421	12,404,000	2,833,377	4,539,107	7,823,432	43,145,840	630,705	
1954-55	15,485,088	1,007,040	13,456,025	3,162,535	5,085,726	7,573,432	45,719,846	648,930	
1955-56—									
Sept. Qr.	3,511,796	343,639	3,330,358	731,615	941,530	1,893,360	10,752,298	....
Dec. Qr.	3,343,578	285,608	3,461,216	1,112,471	1,007,922	2,805,259	12,016,654	....

(a) Includes amounts paid by the Commonwealth under the States Grants (Special Financial Assistance) Acts, but treated as Tax Reimbursement by the State Treasury, viz., £1,000,000 in 1950-51, £2,390,051 in 1951-52, £2,110,215 in 1952-53, £1,717,514 in 1953-54, and £1,566,422 in 1954-55.

No. 8.—Summary of State Expenditure, from 1st July, 1950, to 31st December, 1955.

Period.	Interest and Sinking Funds, Public Debt.	Lands, Surveys, Forests, and Mines.	Business Concerns.		Educa- tion.	All other.	Total State Expendi- ture.	Per head of Popu- lation.
			Railways and Tramways.	Other.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1950-51	4,497,049	822,548	9,621,163	1,365,659	2,634,461	9,055,954	27,996,834	49.09
1951-52	4,870,602	1,074,513	12,054,141	1,690,829	3,630,893	11,225,790	34,546,768	58.57
1952-53	5,305,493	1,312,496	13,957,317	2,064,785	4,342,770	12,409,258	39,392,119	64.45
1953-54	6,073,652	1,470,460	15,509,364	2,107,440	4,751,276	13,386,327	43,248,519	68.57
1954-55	6,928,473	1,497,219	15,633,842	2,363,680	5,546,235	14,234,440	46,203,889	71.20
1955-56—								
Sept. Quarter	1,949,401	548,737	3,989,927	551,479	1,479,716	3,775,146	12,294,406	.....
Dec. Quarter	1,953,412	509,717	4,488,521	644,383	1,645,405	4,065,845	13,307,013	.....

No. 9.—Public Debt, 1950 to 1955 ; also Indebtedness per Head of Estimated Population.

Date.	Amount Maturing.				Average nominal interest payable.	Accrued Sinking Fund on 30th June.	Net Indebtedness (Approximate).	
	London.	New York.	Australia.	Total.			Amount.	Per head of Population.
30th June—	£	£	£	£	%	£	£	£
1950	36,921,108	2,026,956	70,602,078	109,550,142	3.12	70,980	109,479,162	196.5
1951	36,112,208	2,020,997	85,053,561	123,186,766	3.06	8,346	123,178,420	212.3
1952	35,986,808	2,015,243	100,286,480	138,288,531	2.98	323,313	137,965,218	230.0
1953	35,970,308	2,008,667	115,093,195	153,072,170	3.15	930,677	152,141,493	245.2
1954	35,819,608	1,359,499	128,603,438	165,782,545	3.26	410,841	165,371,704	258.5
1955	35,770,204	1,037,912	141,073,233	177,881,349	3.45	221,058	177,660,291	269.8

No. 10.—Commonwealth Savings Bank Transactions in Western Australia from 1st July, 1950.

Period.	Amount deposited during period. (a)	Amount withdrawn during period. (a)	Excess of Deposits over Withdrawals.	Interest.	Number of Accounts.			Due to Depositors (at end of Period).		
					Opened. (b)	Closed. (b)	Remain- ing open. (Operative.)§	Total Amount.	Average to credit of each account.	Average per head of population.
1950-51	£ 42,950,423	£ 38,531,063	£ 4,419,360	£ 650,606	No. 73,330	No. 59,210	No. 392,790	£ 44,672,327	£ 113.731	£ 76.98
1951-52	44,055,906	42,285,902	1,770,004	728,504	61,550	50,662	408,678	47,170,835	116.852	78.64
1952-53	46,698,191	44,929,393	1,768,798	854,667	60,193	49,583	414,288	49,794,288	120.192	80.25
1953-54	51,586,968	49,679,397	1,907,571	912,512	60,422	52,230	422,480	52,614,319	124.537	82.24
1954-55	53,135,339	53,116,590	18,749	995,811	59,592	55,435	426,637	53,628,939	123.381	81.44
1955-56—										
Sept. Qr.	14,008,963	13,064,296	944,667	†	15,404	21,352	420,689	54,573,606	129.724	.....
Dec. Qr.	13,619,977	13,821,301	201,324	†	12,818	11,102	422,405	54,372,281	128.744	.....

(a) Exclusive of transfers from and to other States of the Commonwealth. (b) Including accounts transferred to and from Inoperative Accounts. § At end of period. † Available annually.

No. 11.—Bank Clearings—Weekly Averages for Perth during the undermentioned periods :—

Year.	Quarter Ended.				Year.
	March.	June.	September.	December.	
	(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)
1950	8,808	7,304	8,228	10,897	8,829
1951	12,446	11,724	9,911	11,564	11,403
1952	12,311	11,951	10,037	11,598	11,466
1953	12,337	11,851	11,502	13,723	12,341
1954	13,924	13,635	12,964	13,820	13,692
1955	14,467	13,729	12,808	14,287	13,793

No. 12.—Cheque Paying Banks†—Averages of Customers' Balances and Bank Advances in W.A.
Averages based on Amounts as at close of business each Wednesday.

Period.	Customers' Balances.						Loans, Advances, and Bills Discounted.			Ratio of Advances to Deposits.
	Not Bearing Interest.		Bearing Interest.			Total.	Aus- tralian Govts.	Other.	Total.	
	Aus- tralian Govts.	Other.	Aus- tralian Govts.	Other.						
				Current.	Fixed.					
1950-51	(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	%
1951-52	1,536	59,212	186	1,252	12,622	74,622	33,340	33,340	44.68	
1952-53	1,426	70,111	273	1,385	12,353	85,461	41,076	41,076	48.77	
1953-54	1,297	70,818	6	1,176	12,053	85,117	43,076	43,076	51.31	
1954-55	1,166	74,026	11	1,324	14,410	90,932	53,214	53,214	58.52	
	1,315	73,798		1,346	13,978	90,448	68,915	68,915	76.19	
1955-56—										
September Qr.	1,036	65,716	8	1,771	13,848	82,379	74,262	74,262	90.15	
December Qr.	882	67,727	17	1,903	13,990	84,519	74,583	74,583	88.24	

† Private Trading Banks, Commonwealth Bank (General Banking Division only) and Rural and Industries Bank of W.A. (Rural Department only).

No. 13.—Private Trading Banks†—Averages of Customers' Balances and Bank Advances in W.A.

Averages based on Amounts as at close of business each Wednesday.

Period.	Customer's Balances.					Loans, Advances, and Bills Discounted.				
	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Year.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Year.
	(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)
1950-51	51,054	58,209	70,631	73,309	63,401	23,137	24,070	22,396	22,677	23,050
1951-52	66,045	67,876	76,025	73,582	70,941	25,790	29,480	30,280	32,296	29,461
1952-53	63,095	64,649	76,833	75,431	69,868	34,032	33,449	30,169	30,976	32,196
1953-54	67,115	71,184	81,730	77,008	74,181	35,024	39,223	39,242	43,328	39,123
1954-55	71,428	71,710	76,504	70,238	72,485	48,938	53,681	51,269	53,912	51,916
1955-56	65,848	67,559	.....	.....	.....	55,825	57,443	.....	.....	.....

† Viz., Australia and New Zealand Bank; Bank of Adelaide; Bank of New South Wales; Commercial Bank of Australia; Commercial Banking Co., of Sydney; English, Scottish and Australian Bank; and National Bank of Australasia.

No. 14.—Real Estate Transactions from 1st July, 1950.

(Registrations at Land Titles Office.)

Period.	Transfers.		Mortgages.		Discharges of Mortgages.
	No.	£	No.	£	
1950-51	25,628	30,341,469	16,816	21,467,053	12,076
1951-52	22,366	29,682,045	15,441	21,667,657	11,205
1952-53	20,774	25,304,925	15,878	22,829,792	11,295
1953-54	24,908	36,959,751	20,328	33,034,372	13,055
1954-55	22,220	34,441,159	16,550	31,461,588	11,146
1955-56—					
September Quarter	5,486	7,346,061	3,567	7,262,917	2,643
December Quarter	4,621	7,236,220	3,113	6,173,872	2,229

III.—SHIPPING.

No. 15.—Number and Net Tonnage of Vessels (including Vessels trading only within the State and Vessels calling at more than one Port) entered and cleared at each Western Australian Port during the Six Months ended 31st December, 1955.

ENTERED.

Port.	Oversea.				Inter-State.				Local Shipping.		Total.	
	Via Ports within the State.		From Ports outside the State.		Via Ports within the State.		From Ports outside the State.					
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.
Fremantle	21	72,732	291	1,782,271	22	47,982	212	1,090,915	45	119,673	591	3,113,573
Albany	2	9,232	10	52,866	....	....	11	40,853	4	11,655	27	114,606
Broome	1	2,217	1	2,120	....	....	1	2,283	29	45,469	32	52,089
Bunbury	1	4,160	8	21,417	1	2,070	5	20,072	13	31,480	28	79,199
Busselton	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	14,741	7	14,741
Carnarvon	....	....	3	5,907	4	9,722	2	8,578	52	65,044	61	89,251
Derby	....	....	6	12,083	1	1,359	1	2,287	18	26,977	26	42,706
Esperance	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	9,042	2	9,470	5	18,512
Geraldton	....	....	8	28,362	3	6,853	1	2,969	39	84,769	51	122,953
Onslow	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	49	67,727	49	67,727
Point Samson	....	....	....	....	10	14,410	....	....	30	37,570	40	51,980
Port Hedland	....	....	1	1,281	5	7,042	....	....	37	49,513	43	57,836
Wyndham	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	33,412	9	19,431	23	52,843
Yampi	....	....	....	....	....	....	28	145,206	49	18,421	71	163,627

CLEARED.

Port.	Oversea.				Inter-State.				Local Shipping.		Total.	
	Via Ports within the State.		For Ports outside the State.		Via Ports within the State.		For Ports outside the State.					
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.
Fremantle	16	30,132	264	1,474,427	30	58,249	238	1,445,070	42	102,995	590	3,119,873
Albany	4	18,874	5	25,144	....	....	7	36,453	10	29,868	26	110,339
Broome	1	2,120	1	2,120	4	6,847	5	7,087	21	33,917	32	52,091
Bunbury	8	35,262	8	22,475	1	2,070	9	14,226	1	3,063	27	77,096
Busselton	....	....	....	....	2	4,141	5	10,600	....	....	7	14,741
Carnarvon	3	8,795	3	12,224	2	3,443	2	4,491	51	60,298	61	89,251
Derby	....	....	1	1,289	1	1,150	4	6,146	19	32,900	25	41,485
Esperance	....	....	1	4,763	....	....	....	....	4	13,749	5	18,512
Geraldton	4	11,116	18	46,510	8	16,336	3	6,986	18	41,828	51	122,776
Onslow	....	....	2	9,065	4	6,856	....	....	43	51,806	49	67,727
Point Samson	1	2,207	....	....	9	14,181	....	....	30	35,592	40	51,980
Port Hedland	1	2,120	1	2,217	4	6,843	....	....	36	45,367	42	56,547
Wyndham	....	....	4	19,702	....	....	9	19,427	12	20,026	25	59,155
Yampi	....	....	....	....	4	5,040	27	140,928	40	17,659	61	163,627

No. 16.—Number and Net Tonnage of Vessels entered and cleared at Western Australian Ports, from and to Ports outside the State, during the undermentioned Periods.

Year.	Inwards.		Outwards.		Inwards and Outwards.	
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.
1938-39	916	4,251,368	930	4,326,529	1,846	8,577,897
1950-51	1,049	5,506,575	1,060	5,552,156	2,109	11,058,731
1951-52	1,039	5,477,087	1,045	5,523,959	2,084	11,011,046
1952-53	1,005	5,339,213	1,027	5,413,420	2,032	10,752,633
1953-54	994	5,250,774	1,003	5,315,041	1,997	10,565,815
1954-55	1,131	6,121,659	1,138	6,154,422	2,269	12,276,081
Six Months ended 31st December 1955	606	3,261,924	617	3,411,350	1,223	6,673,274

No. 17.—Tonnage of Cargo Discharged and Shipped at Ports within the State.

Year.	Discharged.				Shipped.				Total Discharged and Shipped
	Oversea.	Interstate.	Coastal.	Total Discharged.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Coastal.	Total Shipped.	
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39	749,216	340,190	66,262	1,155,668	957,209	117,816	64,170	1,139,195	2,294,863
1950-51	1,449,444	480,273	82,432	2,012,149	1,224,759	130,840	79,921	1,435,520	3,447,669
1951-52	1,585,286	505,635	90,614	2,181,535	1,094,310	210,857	94,199	1,399,366	3,580,901
1952-53	1,208,339	536,760	97,575	1,842,674	1,139,711	727,567	97,959	1,965,237	3,807,911
1953-54	1,285,386	564,773	99,923	1,950,082	743,914	627,076	100,977	1,471,967	3,422,049
1954-55	2,032,237	700,942	138,578	2,871,757	1,027,698	992,106	143,023	2,162,827	5,034,584

No. 18—Tonnage of Cargo Discharged and Shipped at Ports within the State during the Six Months ended 31st December, 1955.

Port.	Discharged.						Total Discharged.		Shipped.						Total Shipped.		Total Discharged and Shipped.	
	Oversea.		Interstate.		Coastal.				Oversea.		Interstate.		Coastal.					
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure-ment.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure-ment.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure-ment.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure-ment.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure-ment.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure-ment.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure-ment.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure-ment.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure-ment.
Fremantle	1,357,179	83,090	168,600	132,254	20,018	10,165	1,545,797	225,509	288,000	25,658	546,331	28,664	65,748	20,109	900,079	74,431	2,445,876	299,940
Albany	27,057	55	1,289	2,492	18,152	2	46,498	2,549	2,003	1,815	77	1,169	.....	.....	2,080	2,984	48,578	5,533
Broome .....	.....	84	.....	15	1,532	2,145	1,532	2,244	.....	65	.....	3	1,335	1,236	1,335	1,304	2,867	3,548
Bunbury	20,361	.....	529	146	.....	.....	20,890	146	35,441	23,716	.....	20,626	.....	.....	35,441	44,342	56,331	44,488
Busselton .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,897	.....	.....	.....	7,897	.....	7,897
Carnarvon .....	.....	7	.....	6	2,524	2,075	2,524	2,088	4,200	.....	.....	2	3,923	717	8,123	719	10,647	2,807
Derby .....	.....	.....	.....	19	2,440	5,066	2,440	5,085	35	1	.....	.....	216	1,599	251	1,600	2,691	6,685
Esperance .....	.....	.....	9,762	744	5,325	.....	15,087	744	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,087	744
Geraldton	14,784	.....	.....	.....	25,823	11	40,607	11	43,083	379	11	22,936	214	160	43,308	23,475	83,915	23,486
Onslow .....	.....	.....	.....	6	9,778	1,295	8,778	1,301	48	10	.....	3,096	677	3,144	687	11,922	1,988	1,988
Point Cloates .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,942	.....	.....	.....	.....	220	.....	4,162	.....	4,162	.....
Point Samson .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,296	.....	3,296	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,202	.....	6,334	.....	9,630	.....
Point Hedland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,582	3,279	1,582	3,279	261	.....	3,798	.....	3,328	1,386	7,387	1,386	8,969	4,665
Wyndham .....	.....	87	.....	513	2,082	3,280	2,096	3,880	6,857	.....	16	2,311	1,124	9,184	1,125	11,280	5,005	5,005
Yampy .....	.....	.....	674	.....	607	.....	1,281	.....	.....	.....	276,611	.....	247	.....	276,858	.....	278,139	.....
Total	1,419,381	83,323	180,868	136,195	92,159	27,318	1,692,408	246,836	384,002	51,644	826,844	81,298	86,840	27,008	1,297,686	159,950	2,990,094	406,786

IV.—TRADE.

No. 19.—Value of Imports into Western Australia showing origin, and value per head of mean population.

Country of Origin	1938-39.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	2,652,934	20,625,644	31,027,034	12,951,212	22,819,913	23,303,186
Other States of Commonwealth (a)	12,051,989	46,302,699	59,266,853	68,606,336	82,687,077	*91,054,828
New Zealand	35,710	30,159	51,002	26,927	40,979	44,575
Other British Commonwealth	1,207,544	7,500,983	9,717,340	6,900,612	7,361,842	7,362,073
Total, British Commonwealth	15,948,177	74,459,485	100,062,234	88,485,087	112,909,811	*121,764,662
Foreign Countries	2,732,361	13,712,936	22,279,186	9,995,444	12,300,730	19,925,911
Miscellaneous Countries (Outside Packages)	121,419	....	....	....	1,799	11,968
Grand Total	18,801,957	88,172,421	122,341,420	98,480,531	125,212,340	*141,702,541
Value of Imports per head of Mean Population	40·270	154·323	206·952	160·758	197·965	*218·363

(a) Includes value of oversea origin goods, imported via other States of the Commonwealth.

* Amended.

No. 20.—Value of Exports from Western Australia showing destination and value per head of mean population.

Exports to.	1938-39.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	7,229,141	34,475,348	25,795,995	36,772,081	28,000,324	26,223,301
Other States of Commonwealth....	5,407,517	9,390,134	17,701,894	24,829,409	19,594,967	23,654,934
New Zealand	103,652	329,244	6,534	45,458	103,314	793,898
Other British Commonwealth	1,454,189	16,270,551	12,910,652	18,005,773	8,836,333	13,360,396
Total, British Commonwealth	14,194,499	60,465,277	56,415,075	79,652,721	56,534,933	64,032,529
Foreign Countries	8,287,651	47,767,926	37,067,997	28,319,536	31,434,587	28,129,018
Ships' Stores	524,260	3,624,678	4,209,455	5,160,497	3,633,083	3,932,547
Grand Total	23,006,410	111,857,881	97,692,527	113,132,804	91,652,608	96,094,094
Value of Exports per head of Mean Population	49·275	195·779	165·256	184·676	145·329	148·081

No. 21.—Total Value of Imports into, and Exports from, the State of Western Australia, from and to the other States of the Commonwealth.

Origin.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Imports—Twelve Months ended, 30th June, 1955.							
Total	32,831,271	41,657,951	2,761,903	12,488,137*	1,002,743	312,823	91,054,828*
Exports—Twelve Months ended 30th June, 1955.							
Western Australia	12,754,008	4,092,663	427,785	3,546,908	146,571	631,101	21,599,036
Other Australian	252,554	449,780	21,834	163,730	3,729	198,426	1,090,053
Oversea	257,402	309,651	61,204	136,880	15,822	184,886	965,845
Total	13,263,960	4,852,094	510,823	3,847,518	166,122	1,014,413	23,654,934
Imports—Six Months ended 31st December, 1955.							
Total	17,379,869	18,169,834	1,680,133	5,124,296	730,711	185,549	43,270,392
Exports—Six Months ended 31st December, 1955.							
Western Australia	9,942,673	3,956,987	360,107	3,949,428	152,492	408,436	18,770,123
Other Australian	170,275	279,332	8,424	132,444	4,802	108,939	704,216
Oversea	303,883	233,836	59,508	176,679	16,419	115,642	905,967
Total	10,416,831	4,470,155	428,039	4,258,551	173,713	633,017	20,380,306

‡ Exclusive of Ships' Stores.

* Amended.†

No. 22.—Value, according to Classes, of Imports into Western Australia.

Class No.	Name of Class.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	Six Months ended 31st December, 1955.
		£	£	£	£	£	£
I	Foodstuffs of Animal Origin	2,037,437	2,376,019	2,755,243	3,149,311	3,260,917	1,285,981
II	Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin	5,548,577	6,129,384	7,041,099	8,103,675	9,008,315	4,668,744
III	Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	455,921	557,145	526,298	767,309	857,508	522,720
IV	Tobacco, Cigarettes, Cigars and Snuff	1,979,410	2,326,786	2,342,971	2,864,312	3,026,216	1,204,203
V	Live Animals	507,521	599,488	511,737	725,863	609,555	342,922
VI	Animal Substances not Foodstuffs	1,362,852	880,755	649,890	633,359	537,747	288,433
VII	Vegetable Substances and Fibres	643,048	773,230	638,205	733,900	711,145	270,397
VIII A	Yarns and Manufactured Fibres	1,828,990	3,787,756	1,472,304	1,512,147	*2,024,054	739,085
VIII B	Textiles	6,395,906	8,467,696	9,931,960	6,981,934	6,983,000	3,252,337
VIII C	Apparel	6,697,371	8,865,873	7,890,218	10,382,319	10,741,129	4,453,013
IX	Oils, Fats and Waxes	8,191,525	9,286,775	8,411,695	8,858,425	15,976,293	8,783,710
X	Pigments, Paints and Varnishes	767,309	927,417	873,526	1,261,928	1,396,885	720,470
XI	Rocks and Minerals (including Ores and Concentrates)	1,372,482	1,132,923	1,223,431	1,581,554	1,662,279	784,618
XII A	Metals and Metal Manufactures	18,476,121	26,832,714	22,012,763	29,693,769	32,230,242	14,804,028
XII B	Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances	3,356,114	4,223,673	3,986,062	5,145,391	5,478,529	3,084,846
XII C	Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)	11,976,000	18,535,642	14,861,500	20,154,899	21,125,563	9,115,722
XIII A	Rubber and Rubber Manufactures	2,776,300	4,426,497	3,442,129	3,638,655	3,758,240	1,978,433
XIII B	Leather and Leather Manufactures	326,138	487,710	454,800	433,645	407,504	213,258
XIV	Wood and Wicker—Raw and Manufactured	640,059	1,037,499	509,667	923,539	816,052	469,579
XV	Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass, etc.	1,080,356	1,705,279	1,071,455	1,623,496	1,704,439	891,880
XVI A	Pulp, Paper and Board	1,230,446	2,574,337	1,372,610	1,659,175	2,587,996	1,205,262
XVI B	Paper Manufactures and Stationery	1,342,951	1,975,645	1,948,303	2,266,068	2,627,102	1,393,753
XVII	Sporting Materials, Toys, Fancy Goods, etc.	906,257	1,107,641	751,240	1,335,923	1,406,450	805,590
XVIII	Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments and Apparatus	646,822	871,616	529,084	843,751	915,518	483,063
XIX	Drugs, Fertilizers and Chemicals	4,223,886	5,209,004	4,978,042	5,910,373	6,732,608	3,120,698
XX	Miscellaneous	3,391,586	7,241,570	4,288,810	4,023,062	5,117,190	2,852,097
XXI	Gold and Silver : Bronze Specie	11,036	1,341	5,489	4,528	65	35
	Total Imports	88,172,421	122,341,420	98,480,531	125,212,340	*141,702,541	67,734,877

* Amended.

No. 23.—Value of the more important Products of Western Australian Origin exported, and of Ships' Stores.

Article.			1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	Six Months ended 31st December, 1955.
Beef, Preserved by cold process	.....	Quantity..... lb.	16,960,592	13,282,453	11,058,475	13,555,097	14,939,112	18,472,862
		Value..... £	609,816	567,177	718,691	873,785	1,018,832	1,255,321
Mutton and Lamb, Preserved by cold process	.....	Quantity..... lb.	2,070,449	2,300,953	14,228,094	7,294,910	7,108,748	11,727,678
		Value..... £	108,603	150,526	726,049	437,440	664,048	919,188
Meats, Canned	.....	Quantity..... lb.	1,385,736	2,648,510	3,237,905	3,228,224	2,621,491	1,856,414
		Value..... £	114,288	278,844	408,696	273,685	302,419	232,940
Milk and Cream—Condensed, Concentrated, etc., (Excluding Dried)	.....	Quantity..... lb.	9,282,450	5,533,880	5,168,452	7,172,039	3,314,468	3,055,987
		Value..... £	629,038	369,691	479,317	681,257	309,596	290,069
Butter	.....	Quantity..... lb.	1,095,158	314,546	332,768	373,991	370,904	203,395
		Value..... £	155,920	46,271	61,037	70,189	70,794	40,618
Eggs, in shell	.....	Quantity..... doz.	1,541,880	1,643,364	2,470,315	2,321,864	2,921,935	1,419,020
		Value..... £	217,008	304,499	550,983	525,802	612,251	288,438
Eggs, not in shell	.....	Quantity..... lb.	1,480,180	1,730,021	3,147,751	3,452,776	1,378,020	810,544
		Value..... £	209,903	209,398	470,220	564,698	167,717	96,520
Honey	.....	Quantity..... lb.	838,214	1,719,508	3,486,551	4,487,422	3,001,512	893,135
		Value..... £	81,024	82,284	165,239	198,883	136,377	44,842
Crayfish Tails	.....	Quantity..... lb.	3,165,055	2,890,663	2,930,255	3,222,166	3,376,571	754,840
		Value..... £	758,706	930,722	1,042,296	1,171,221	1,244,988	289,120
Wheat	.....	Quantity..... bush.	30,510,323	26,882,885	23,318,935	6,800,130	19,689,780	5,316,118
		Value..... £	25,843,906	22,864,041	20,173,406	5,635,764	13,738,956	3,512,325
Barley	.....	Quantity..... bush.	165,770	306,886	922,342	937,754	1,147,024	260,854
		Value..... £	106,461	265,523	584,551	438,185	641,596	118,696
Oats	.....	Quantity..... bush.	1,566,538	2,686,268	2,405,872	2,393,233	1,095,472	1,002,616
		Value..... £	672,160	1,639,570	999,955	863,093	485,739	460,521
Flour	.....	Quantity..... Short ton	159,740	161,581	176,241	147,849	120,343	56,673
		Value..... £	5,887,141	6,834,290	7,545,152	5,851,806	3,609,745	1,701,225
Potatoes	.....	Quantity..... cwt.	220,082	266,020	253,147	315,470	177,561	42,605
		Value..... £	253,173	366,727	375,073	650,233	256,056	81,127
Tomatoes, Fresh	.....	Quantity..... cental	48,232	33,666	47,872	40,494	36,966	48,353
		Value..... £	220,480	183,462	172,738	158,208	175,838	239,682
Other Fresh Vegetables	.....	Quantity..... cental	124,984	218,726	219,544	229,780	1,922,594	203,124
		Value..... £	1,147,663	1,426,263	2,283,021	1,650,199	1,454,005	878,202
Fruit, Fresh	.....	Quantity..... lb.	2,646,890	1,593,824	1,970,521	1,647,343	96,554,322	58,790,282
		Value..... £	80,731,643	91,455,408	100,908,701	100,701,089	29,648,228	14,874,289
Hides and Skins	.....	Quantity..... lb.	48,246,541	28,646,328	33,879,266	35,672,828	13,261,323	7,072,659
		Value..... £	11,054,717	11,352,904	12,609,629	11,918,274	5,633,302	2,631,716
Wool	.....	Quantity..... lb.	8,032,936	5,194,466	5,681,628	5,457,140	5,300,092	2,704,943
		Value..... £	117,188	200,704	204,568	283,437	2,402,636	2,312,059
Pearls and Shell	.....	Quantity..... gal.	700,100	2,181,503	2,558,697	3,182,298	945,251	964,953
Whale Oil	.....	Value..... £	363,540	1,360,705	936,473	1,093,332	74,645	96,991
Asbestos, Raw	.....	Quantity..... cwt.	30,859	51,570	59,165	62,957	394,056	438,190
		Value..... £	189,063	354,508	494,953	492,730	579,526	237,405
Iron Ore	.....	Quantity..... ton	.....	51,622	543,725	583,462	574,653	235,429
		Value..... £	.....	51,191	539,275	578,602	1,920,987	1,565,392
Timber	.....	Quantity..... ton	918,485	1,032,909	2,074,421	2,248,885	9,668,885	6,420,036
		Value..... £	.....	6,571,284	12,399,246	6,615,109	16,006,336	15,785,805
Gold—Bullion	.....	Quantity..... ton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
All Other Articles	.....	Value..... £	10,628,286	11,740,139	12,820,988	13,655,891	.....	.....
Total	.....	£	108,233,203	93,433,072	107,972,307	88,019,525	92,161,547	53,918,034
Ships' Stores	.....	£	3,624,678	4,209,455	5,160,497	3,633,083	3,932,547	2,378,813
Total Exports	.....	£	111,857,881	97,692,527	113,132,804	91,652,608	96,094,094	56,296,847

No. 24.—Wool Exported from the several Western Australian Ports.

Ports.	Oversea.		Interstate.		Total.	
	Greasy.	Scoured.	Greasy.	Scoured.	Greasy.	Scoured.
Twelve Months ended 30th June, 1955.						
Fremantle	bale. 294,012	lb. 88,458,510	bale. 58,633	lb. 12,984,908	bale. 9,540	lb. 2,986,841
Albany	5,942	1,778,699	29	6,314	1,226	270,101
Broome						
Bunbury						
Carnarvon	2,423	929,968			2,423	929,968
Derby	321	122,950			321	122,950
Geraldton	4,831	1,614,239			4,831	1,614,239
Onslow	565	204,955			565	204,955
Point Samson	132	43,879			132	43,879
Port Hedland	1,166	414,281			1,166	414,281
Wyndham						
Total	309,392	93,567,481	58,662	12,991,222	9,540	2,986,841
Quantity					1,226	270,101
Value	£ 28,834,277		5,521,695		111,607	
					318,932	96,554,322
					59,888	13,261,323
					20,648,288	
					5,633,302	

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Fremantle	bale. 165,991	lb. 52,209,318	bale. 30,616	lb. 6,794,469	bale. 6,915	lb. 2,274,059	bale. 1,237	lb. 278,190	bale. 172,906	lb. 54,483,377	bale. 31,853	lb. 7,072,659
Albany	8,696	2,732,790							8,696	2,732,790		
Broome												
Bunbury												
Carnarvon	1,147	416,423							1,147	416,423		
Derby	284	105,686							284	105,686		
Geraldton	1,486	495,064							1,486	495,064		
Onslow	243	85,685							243	85,685		
Point Samson												
Port Hedland	1,308	471,257							1,308	471,257		
Wyndham												
Total	179,155	56,516,223	30,616	6,794,469	6,915	2,274,059	1,237	278,190	186,070	58,790,282	31,853	7,072,659
Quantity												
Value	£ 14,313,340		2,524,310		560,949		107,406		14,874,289		2,631,716	

No. 25.—Summary of Exports (a) during the Six Months ended 31st December, 1955.

Articles.	Unit.	Quantity.			Value.		
		Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.
					£	£	£
Class I.—Foodstuffs of Animal Origin.							
Meats, Poultry and Game—							
Preserved by Cold Process :							
Beef and Veal	lb.	18,460,445	12,417	18,472,862	1,252,948	2,373	1,255,321
Lamb	lb.	7,223,951	99,144	7,323,095	734,642	10,642	745,284
Mutton	lb.	4,362,987	41,596	4,404,583	171,351	2,553	173,904
Pork	lb.	653,893	626,181	1,280,074	84,563	96,932	181,495
Poultry	lb.	365,863	30,000	395,863	79,708	6,819	86,527
Rabbit	lb.	209,556	20,820	230,376	18,316	1,806	20,122
Preserved in Containers	lb.	1,791,216	65,804	1,857,020	222,242	10,811	233,053
Bacon and Hams	lb.	95,022	499,122	594,144	19,326	88,197	107,523
Sausage Casings .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41,706	30,578	72,284
Milk and Cream, Condensed and Concentrated (not dried)	lb.	3,055,920	173	3,056,093	290,063	17	290,080
Butter	lb.	50,612	152,783	203,395	9,300	31,318	40,618
Eggs in Shell	doz.	1,413,800	5,220	1,419,020	287,065	1,373	288,438
Eggs not in Shell	lb.	810,544	.....	810,544	96,520	.....	96,520
Honey	lb.	892,973	162	893,135	44,826	16	44,842
Fish—							
Preserved by Cold Process :							
Crayfish Tails	lb.	742,350	12,490	754,840	285,771	3,349	289,120
Other Fish	lb.	.....	36,144	36,144	.....	2,856	2,856
Preserved in Containers	lb.	16,520	1,410,720	1,427,240	2,883	165,469	168,352
Meat Meal for Animals (includes Whale Meal)	cwt.	1,581	9,499	11,080	8,226	31,762	39,988
Other Foodstuffs of Animal Origin .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	180,047	30,166	210,213
Total, Class I. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,829,503	517,037	4,346,540
Class II.—Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin.							
Wheat	bush.	5,313,019	3,099	5,316,118	3,509,728	2,597	3,512,325
Barley	bush.	260,646	208	260,854	118,557	139	118,696
Oats	bush.	1,001,232	383	1,001,615	460,341	180	460,521
Flour (Plain, White)	cental.	1,128,113	5,337	1,133,450	1,692,451	8,774	1,701,225
Fresh Vegetables—							
Onions	cwt.	.....	4,357	4,357	.....	12,478	12,478
Potatoes	cwt.	2,142	40,463	42,605	3,909	77,218	81,127
Tomatoes	cental.	5,357	42,996	48,353	25,357	214,325	239,682
Other .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62,133	4,720	66,853
Fresh Fruits—							
Apples	bush.	109,381	2,417	111,798	186,328	4,164	190,492
Other .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,293	339	12,632
Dried Fruits—							
Currants	lb.	1,184,830	517,058	1,701,888	64,656	40,221	104,877
Other	lb.	.....	6,048	6,048	.....	353	353
Fruit Juices (including Tomato) and Fruit Syrups	gal.	17,677	29,541	47,218	13,290	21,866	35,156
Confectionery	lb.	52,996	580,148	633,144	5,728	78,546	84,274
Fodders and Cereal By-products for Animals	cwt.	3,917	7,877	11,794	5,168	14,858	20,026
Other Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	113,013	42,140	155,153
Total, Class II. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,272,952	522,918	6,795,870
Class III.—Spirituos and Alcoholic Liquors.							
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider and Perry	gal.	.....	258,788	258,788	.....	172,619	172,619
Wine	gal.	.....	6,745	6,745	.....	8,894	8,894
Distilled Spirit Beverages	pf. gal.	.....	1,619	1,619	.....	7,304	7,304
Total, Class III. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	188,817	188,817
Class IV.—Tobacco, Cigarettes, Cigars and Snuff.							
Tobacco—							
Unmanufactured	lb.	.....	635,675	635,675	.....	307,202	307,202
Manufactured	lb.	.....	1,042	1,042	.....	1,528	1,528
Cigarettes	lb.	50	13,547	13,597	61	20,552	20,613
Cigars	lb.	.....	1,664	1,664	.....	3,773	3,773
Snuff	lb.	.....	10	10	.....	15	15
Total, Class IV. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61	333,070	333,131
Class V.—Live Animals.							
Cattle	No.	858	2	860	54,852	200	55,052
Pigs	No.	360	2	362	6,680	80	6,760
Sheep	No.	52,252	10	52,262	150,135	2,239	152,374
Other Animals .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,363	2,400	5,763
Total, Class V. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	215,030	4,919	219,949

(a) Excluding Ships' Stores.

No. 25.—Summary of Exports (a) during the Six Months ended 31st December, 1955—continued.

Articles.	Unit.	Quantity.			Value.		
		Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.
Class VI.—Animal Substances (Mainly unmanufactured), not Foodstuffs.							
Hides and Skins—					£	£	£
Kangaroo	lb.	10,482	64,271	74,753	3,242	19,953	23,195
Rabbit	lb.	41,635	59,296	100,931	19,858	21,392	41,250
Cattle and Calf	lb.	761,725	699,809	1,461,534	38,530	50,004	88,534
Sheep and Lamb	lb.	4,554,518	...	4,554,518	722,283	...	722,283
Other Hides and Skins	lb.	21,940	28,098	50,038	1,535	1,405	2,940
Wool—							
Greasy	lb.	56,516,223	2,274,059	58,790,282	14,313,340	560,949	14,874,289
Scoured and Carbonised	lb.	6,794,469	278,190	7,072,659	2,524,310	107,406	2,631,716
Tops	lb.	709,762	359,130	1,068,892	419,992	214,519	634,511
Noils and Wastes	lb.	123,890	51,378	175,268	45,140	11,574	56,714
Pearlshell	cwt.	8,983	93	9,076	276,382	3,782	280,164
Other Animal Substances .....	...	...	...	...	4,165	3,607	7,772
Total, Class VI. ....	...	...	...	...	18,368,777	994,591	19,363,368
Class VII.—Vegetable Substances and Fibres, Cork and Manufactures, and Synthetic Fibres.							
Clover Seed	lb.	(b)	39,240	39,240	(b)	4,930	4,930
Flax Fibre	cwt.	(b)	5,847	5,847	(b)	43,751	43,751
Tanning Bark	cwt.	...	2,929	2,929	...	5,669	5,669
Other Substances .....	...	...	...	...	246,157	177,999	424,156
Total, Class VII. ....	...	...	...	...	246,157	232,349	478,506
Class VIII.(A)—Yarns and Manufactured Fibres							
...	...	...	...	...	10,720	9,406	20,126
Class VIII.(B)—Textiles							
...	...	...	...	...	872	119,472	120,344
Class VIII.(C)—Apparel.							
Apparel (Except Headwear, Footwear, Furs, Corsetry and Gloves):							
Men's, Youths' and Boys' .....	...	...	...	...	...	82,441	82,441
Women's, Maids' and Girls' .....	...	...	...	...	...	54,996	54,996
Headwear .....	...	...	...	...	...	19,380	19,380
Footwear .....	...	...	...	...	50	95,611	95,661
Other Apparel and Attire .....	...	...	...	...	...	27,346	27,346
Total, Class VIII.(C) ....	...	...	...	...	50	279,774	279,824
Class IX.—Oils, Fats and Waxes.							
Edible Tallow and Dripping	cwt.	4,396	7,747	12,143	20,628	36,610	57,238
Inedible Tallow	cwt.	32,969	1,627	34,596	116,605	4,334	120,939
Whale Oil	gal.	2,312,015	44	2,312,059	964,933	20	964,953
Petroleum and Shale Spirits	gal.	10,177,342	48,224,936	58,402,278	629,496	3,150,019	3,779,515
Kerosene and the like	gal.	6,160	5,310,081	5,316,241	898	303,964	304,862
Furnace, Diesel and Other Fuel Oils	gal.	13,726,910	68,156,796	81,883,706	611,038	2,696,405	3,307,443
Mineral Lubricating Oils	gal.	13,714	28,561	42,275	5,034	11,013	16,047
Other Oils, Fats and Waxes .....	...	...	...	...	19,961	16,347	36,308
Total, Class IX. ....	...	...	...	...	2,368,593	6,218,712	8,587,305
Class X.—Pigments, Paints and Varnishes.							
Iron Oxide Pigments	cwt.	...	2,791	2,791	...	4,191	4,191
Paints, Varnishes and Related Products .....	...	...	...	...	3,412	37,523	40,935
Other Pigments .....	...	...	...	...	423	3,028	3,451
Total, Class X. ....	...	...	...	...	3,835	44,742	48,577
Class XI.—Rocks, Minerals (including Ores and Concentrates), and Hydrocarbons in Solid or Semi-solid Form.							
Asbestos. Crude and Fibre:							
Chrysotile	cwt.	535	5,021	5,556	3,116	9,315	12,431
Crocidolite	cwt.	89,242	2,193	91,435	411,790	13,969	425,759
Felspar	cwt.	...	35,732	35,732	...	16,649	16,649
Talc	cwt.	11,411	13,663	25,074	8,020	9,564	17,584
Metaliferous Ores and Concentrates:							
Iron	ton	...	237,405	237,405	...	235,429	235,429
Chromium	ton	(b)	...	...	(b)	...	...
Manganese	ton	...	26,877	26,877	...	304,538	304,538
Beryllium	cwt.	1,821	1,821	1,821	14,913	...	14,913
Lead (including Silver-Lead) and Zinc	cwt.	38,093	38,093	38,093	150,276	...	150,276
Tin	cwt.	116	2,133	2,249	3,000	58,231	61,231
Gold	cwt.	1,492	617	2,109	5,417	7,204	12,621
Other Rocks, Minerals and Hydrocarbons .....	...	...	...	...	60,124	7,685	67,809
Total, Class XI. ....	...	...	...	...	656,656	662,584	1,319,240

(a) Excluding ships' stores.

(b) Oversea Exports not recorded separately

No. 25.—Summary of Exports (a) during the Six Months ended 31st December, 1955—continued.

Articles	Unit.	Quantity.			Value.		
		Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.
					£	£	£
<i>Class XII.(A).—Metal and Metal Manufactures (except Electrical Appliances and Machinery)</i>							
Pig and Ingot Iron	cwt.	76,770	5,751	82,521	80,419	6,265	86,684
Non-ferrous Scrap Metal	cwt.	26,814	12,739	39,553	119,378	154,734	274,112
Kitchenware and Cooking Utensils	267	42,395	42,662
Other Metals and Metal Manufactures	143,609	560,389	703,998
Total, Class XII.(A)	343,673	763,783	1,107,456
<i>Class XII.(B).—Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment not being Machinery. Generators and Motors</i>							
Other Electrical Machinery and Equipment	281	63,796	64,077
Total, Class XII.(B)	14,394	54,279	68,673
<i>Class XII.(C).—Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical).</i>							
Tractors and Parts	No.	....	236	236	1,137	521,445	522,582
Agricultural	560	273,039	273,599
Earthworking and Mining	34,652	89,839	124,491
Woodworking	4,563	30,573	35,136
Other Machinery	35,218	370,546	405,764
Total, Class XII.(C)	76,130	1,285,442	1,361,572
<i>Class XIII.(A).—Rubber and Rubber Manufactures (except Apparel).</i>							
....	5,620	19,211	24,831
<i>Class XIII.(B).—Leather, Leather Manufactures and Leather Substitutes (except Apparel).</i>							
Leather	27,068	72,884	99,952
Manufactures of Leather, N.E.I. (c)	112	3,064	3,176
Total, Class XIII.(B)	27,180	75,948	103,128
<i>Class XIV.—Wood and Wicker, Raw and Manufactured.</i>							
Sleepers	sup. ft.	5,178,114	6,262,946	11,441,060	308,811	282,209	591,020
Other Timber	sup. ft.	6,621,087	12,713,808	19,334,895	383,724	592,191	975,915
Wood Manufactures	1,432	46,896	48,328
Total, Class XIV.	693,967	921,296	1,615,263
<i>Class XV.—Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass and Stoneware.</i>							
Crockery and Householdware (except Glass and Sanitary and Lavatory Articles)	687	61,222	61,909
Other Products	30,341	28,063	58,404
Total, Class XV.	31,028	89,285	120,313
<i>Class XVI.(A).—Pulp, Paper and Board</i>							
....	996	7,040	8,036
<i>Class XVI.(B).—Paper Manufactures and Stationery.</i>							
Stationery and Inks	581	35,475	36,056
Other Manufactures	57,558	21,614	79,172
Total, Class XVI.(B)	58,139	57,089	115,228
<i>Class XVII.—Sporting Material, Toys, Fancy Goods, Jewellery and Timepieces</i>							
....	2,238	19,839	22,077
<i>Class XVIII.—Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments and Appliances and Photographic Goods, N.E.I. (c)</i>							
....	6,268	13,689	19,957

(a) Excluding Ships' Stores.

(c) Denotes "Not Elsewhere Included."

No. 25.—Summary of Exports (a) during the Six Months ended 31st December, 1955—continued.

Articles.	Unit.	Quantity.			Value.		
		Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.
<i>Class XIX.—Chemicals, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products, Essential Oils and Fertilizers.</i>					£	£	£
Flavouring Essences .....	....	....	....	....	140	9,771	9,911
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations .....	....	....	....	....	2,934	43,224	46,158
Essential Oils .....	....	....	....	....	15,337	18,478	33,815
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations (except Soaps) .....	....	....	....	....	40,725	6,603	47,328
Other Products .....	....	....	....	....	32,111	121,852	153,963
Total, Class XIX. ....	....	....	....	....	91,247	199,928	291,175
<i>Class XX.—Miscellaneous.</i>							
Brushware .....	....	....	....	....	138	18,011	18,149
Stoppers for Bottles .....	....	....	....	....	....	63,105	63,105
Other Products .....	....	....	....	....	165,679	180,138	345,817
Total, Class XX. ....	....	....	....	....	165,817	261,254	427,071
<i>Class XXI.—Gold and Silver Bullion and Specie; Bronze Specie.</i>							
Gold—Bar, Dust, Ingot and Sheet	fine oz. ....	....	410,230	410,230	....	6,420,036	6,420,036
Silver—Bar, Dust, Ingot and Sheet	fine oz.	108,810	....	108,810	44,169	....	44,169
Specie (d)—Gold, Silver and Bronze ....	....	....	....	....	3,375	....	3,375
Total, Class XXI. ....	....	....	....	....	47,544	6,420,036	6,467,580
GRAND TOTAL, EXPORTS ....	....	....	....	....	33,537,728	20,380,306	53,918,034

(a) Excluding Ships' Stores.

(d) Interstate Exports of specie are not recorded.

No. 26.—Exports, being Ships' Stores, during the Six Months ended 31st December, 1955.

Articles.	OVERSEA.				INTERSTATE				Total.	
	Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.	Value.
	Aus- tralian Pro- duce.	Over- sea Pro- duce.	Aus- tralian Pro- duce.	Over- sea Pro- duce.	Aus- tralian Pro- duce.	Over- sea Pro- duce.	Aus- tralian Pro- duce.	Over- sea Pro- duce.		
			£	£			£	£		£
Coal (Bunker)† ton	1,134	....	10,226	....	631	....	6,097	....	1,765	16,323
Cordage and Twines ....	....	....	569	....	....	....	166	....	....	735
Dunnage ....	....	....	158	....	....	....	....	....	....	158
Food for Animals cwt.	5,634	....	6,365	....	....	....	....	....	5,634	6,365
Foodstuffs, Other—										
Beans and Peas (Unprepared) cntl.	34	....	256	....	....	....	....	....	34	256
Biscuits lb.	3,585	....	506	....	6,887	....	866	....	10,472	1,372
Butter	39,307	....	8,605	....	3,206	....	679	....	42,513	9,284
Cheese	14,858	....	2,940	....	1,188	....	202	....	16,046	3,142
Coffee, Cocoa and Chocolate	4,188	531	1,869	253	116	44	4,835	2,166		
Eggs doz.	91,174	....	22,818	....	12,175	....	2,201	....	103,349	25,019
Fish :										
Fresh lb.	123,516	....	20,908	....	5,932	....	1,045	....	129,448	21,953
Preserved	11,726	419	1,926	80	36	1,344	6	190	13,525	2,202
Fruits and Vegetables in Liquid	112,480	....	3,566	....	3,853	....	338	....	116,333	3,904
Fruits—										
Dried and Preserved	15,552	30	1,954	4	106	....	15	....	15,688	1,973
Fresh cntl.	5,550	....	25,968	....	403	....	1,549	....	5,953	27,517
Grain, Prepared :										
Flour	8,495	....	9,664	....	97	....	191	....	8,592	9,855
Rice	764	....	3,464	....	5	....	15	....	769	3,479
Jams and Jellies lb.	17,563	....	1,324	....	216	....	24	....	17,779	1,348
Meats :										
Bacon and Hams and	117,884	....	23,147	....	28,207	....	5,160	....	146,091	28,307
Fresh and										
Smoked	762,938	....	71,205	....	177,832	....	15,543	....	940,770	86,748
Frozen :										
Rabbits and Hares pair	2,423	....	676	....	303	....	18	....	2,726	694
Other lb.	283,963	....	23,429	....	....	....	....	....	283,963	23,429
Preserved in Tins	7,335	....	1,591	....	24	....	5	....	7,359	1,596
Other	12,685	....	1,354	....	3,012	....	274	....	15,697	1,628
Milk and Cream, Preserved	34,225	....	3,460	....	867	....	105	....	35,092	3,565
Sugar cwt.	894	....	3,008	....	24	....	93	....	918	3,101
Tea lb.	231	1,153	85	434	....	782	....	257	2,166	776
Vegetables, Fresh :										
Onions cwt.	232	....	895	....	92	....	332	....	324	1,227
Potatoes	6,786	....	12,115	....	1,086	....	2,004	....	7,872	14,119
Other ....	....	....	40,847	....	....	....	4,027	....	44,874	44,874
Other Foodstuffs ....	....	....	20,274	292	....	....	3,080	7	....	23,653
Oils—										
Fuel for Aircraft gal.	....	164,678	....	33,394	....	....	....	....	164,678	33,394
Fuel for Vessels	36,515,044	46,617	1,672,557	2,275	3,581,029	....	178,461	....	40,142,690	1,853,293
Other	567,293	22,116	28,853	8,044	....	....	914	....	591,871	37,811
Paints and Colours	3,370	....	8,740	....	42	....	87	....	3,412	8,827
Soap lb.	26,777	....	1,882	....	2,722	....	148	....	29,499	2,030
Spiritous and Alcoholic Liquors—										
Ale, Porter, Beer, etc. gal.	20,124	444	8,932	225	2,001	....	1,440	....	22,569	10,597
Spirits	303	214	644	661	11	2	27	25	530	1,357
Wine	16,704	....	7,307	....	....	....	1,260	....	16,704	7,307
Cigarettes lb.	861	307	857	277	687	....	256	....	1,855	2,894
Tobacco	577	30	429	17	178	....	3,889	129	785	702
All Other Articles ....	....	....	45,480	835	....	....	....	....	....	50,333
Total ....	....	....	2,100,853	46,791	....	....	230,517	652	....	2,378,813
			2,147,644				231,169			

† Collie Coal included—*NVL*.

No. 27.—Summary of Imports during the Six Months ended 31st December, 1955.

Articles.	Unit.	Quantity.			Value.				
		Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.		
<i>Class I.—Foodstuffs of Animal Origin.</i>							£	£	£
Meats, Poultry and Game—									
Preserved by Cold Process	lb.		4,658	4,658			942		942
Preserved in Containers	lb.	1,62	617,860	619,480	582	89,542	90,124		
Sausage Casings					5,214	23,385	28,599		
Otherwise Prepared	lb.	3,349	23,639	26,988	1,791	5,255	7,046		
Cream, Reduced or Condensed	lb.		309,658			45,609			
Milk—									
Condensed and Concentrated—									
Sweetened	lb.		177,349			16,727			
Unsweetened	lb.	(a) 11	539,679	2689471	(a) 3	40,355	370,667		
Dried or in Powdered Form :									
Fullcream	lb.		1,517,759			259,700			
Skim	lb.		128,655			5,892			
Malting Milk	lb.		16,360			2,381			
Butter	lb.	(a)	31,202	31,202	(a)	6,864	6,864		
Margarine	lb.	(a)	1,821,943	1,821,943	(a)	149,565	149,565		
Cheese	lb.	46,084	1,096,021	1,142,105	8,730	191,589	200,319		
Infants' and Invalids' Food—									
Essentially of Milk	lb.		191,882	191,882		36,321	36,321		
Strained or Homogenised Foods for									
Infants	lb.		138,647	138,647		21,496	21,496		
Other	lb.		216,877	216,877		40,160	40,160		
Fish—									
Fresh or Preserved by Cold Process	lb.	428,921	65,992	494,913	39,449	7,483	46,932		
Smoked, Dried and Salted	lb.	729,044	1,744	730,788	40,761	296	41,057		
Preserved in Containers	lb.	721,496	191,682	913,178	107,554	49,540	157,094		
Gelatine, Edible	lb.		169,332	169,332		48,566	48,566		
Meat Meal for Animals	cwt.		8,632	8,632		19,855	19,855		
Other Foodstuffs of Animal Origin					804	19,570	20,374		
Total, Class I.					204,888	1,081,093	1,285,981		
<i>Class II.—Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin.</i>									
Barley (Grain)	bush.		90,386			71,691			
Rice	cwt.		12,043			47,956			
Macaroni, Vermicelli and Spaghetti—									
Unprepared	lb.	(a)	265,295		300	11,496	281,260		
Prepared	lb.		524,512			51,704			
Breakfast Foods—									
Oatmeal, Rolled Oats and Wheatmeal	lb.		177,916			7,889			
Other	lb.		712,331			90,224			
Biscuits, Cakes and Puddings (b)	lb.	42,735	98,272	141,007	7,667	12,901	20,568		
Onions (c)	cwt.		23,296			61,736			
Potatoes (c)	cwt.	2,294	1,402	26,992	1,917	3,981	67,634		
Vegetables Preserved in Containers	lb.	30,626	1,945,423	1,976,049	2,891	188,002	190,893		
Bananas	cental	(a)	32,727	32,727	(a)	140,535	140,535		
Dried Fruits—									
Raisins and Currants	lb.	(a)	1,274,260	1,274,260	(a)	92,115	92,115		
Other Dried Fruits	lb.	(a)	522,528	522,528	(a)	56,927	56,927		
Fruits Preserved in Containers	lb.	626	4,203,264	4,203,890	98	317,304	317,402		
Jams	lb.	13,944	3,141,890	3,155,834	999	231,773	232,772		
Pickles and Chutneys	lb.	34,263	332,858	367,121	3,343	42,888	46,231		
Sauces	lb.	6,018	685,141	691,159	1,051	106,001	107,052		
Nuts, Edible	lb.	447,359	803,372	1,250,731	32,231	102,717	134,948		
Molasses, Treacle and Golden Syrup	cwt.		7,367	7,367		18,048	18,048		
Spices	lb.	72,931	135,706	208,637	12,669	35,380	48,049		
Coffee and Chicory	lb.	209,234	234,199	443,433	31,145	79,871	111,016		
Tea	lb.	2,297,972	256,635	2,554,607	560,134	65,747	625,881		
Confectionery—									
Chocolate	lb.	1,310	1,732,436	1,733,746	345	426,992	427,337		
Other	lb.	28,672	1,884,996	1,913,668	4,483	298,965	303,448		
Hops	lb.		103,083	103,083		32,969	32,969		
Soups	lb.	2,420	584,611	587,031	775	82,824	83,599		
Other Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin					45,293	1,284,767	1,330,060		
Total, Class II.					705,341	3,963,403	4,668,744		
<i>Class III.—Spirituuous and Alcoholic Liquors.</i>									
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider and Perry	gal.	3,872	5,679	9,551	973	5,261	6,234		
Wine	gal.	861	375,643	376,504	1,969	276,176	278,145		
Distilled Spirit Beverages	Pf. gal.	26,494	77,222	103,716	76,069	162,272	238,341		
Total, Class III.					79,011	443,709	522,720		

(a) Oversea Imports not recorded separately. (b) Oversea Imports exclude Cakes and Puddings.
(c) Oversea Imports include Other Fresh Vegetables.

No. 27.—Summary of Imports during the Six Months ended 31st December, 1955—continued.

Articles.	Unit.	Quantity.			Value.		
		Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.
<i>Class IV.—Tobacco, Cigarettes, Cigars and Snuff.</i>							
Tobacco—					£	£	£
Unmanufactured	lb.	115	.....	115	35	.....	35
Manufactured	lb.	4,522	705,355	709,877	2,095	477,244	479,339
Cigarettes	lb.	17,124	635,985	653,109	16,450	684,363	700,813
Cigars	lb.	44	10,867	10,911	141	23,740	23,881
Snuff	lb.	100	.....	100	135	.....	135
Total, Class IV. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18,856	1,185,347	1,204,203
<i>Class V.—Live Animals.</i>							
Cattle	No.	.....	6,115	6,115	.....	165,344	165,344
Pigs	No.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sheep	No.	.....	12,900	12,900	.....	170,847	170,847
Other Live Animals .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	228	6,503	6,731
Total, Class V. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	228	342,694	342,922
<i>Class VI.—Animal Substances (Mainly Unmanufactured), Not Foodstuffs.</i>							
Hides and Skins .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,974	27,961	31,935
Wool—							
Greasy	lb.	.....	866,007	866,007	.....	129,183	129,183
Scoured and Carbonised	lb.	.....	5,361	5,361	.....	975	975
Tops	lb.	.....	158,563	158,563	.....	107,906	107,906
Pearlshell	cwt.	(a)	294	294	(a)	9,221	9,221
Other Animal Substances .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,377	6,836	9,213
Total, Class VI. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,351	282,082	288,433
<i>Class VII.—Vegetable Substances and Fibres, Cork and Synthetic Fibres.</i>							
Grass and Field Seeds	lb.	6,160	264,102	270,262	1,024	25,309	26,333
Fibres—							
Leaf Fibres	cwt.	11,645	(d)	11,645	53,386	(d)	53,386
Kapok	lb.	268,482	.....	268,482	36,863	.....	36,863
Coir	cwt.	9,411	.....	9,411	14,768	.....	14,768
Other Vegetable Substances .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85,220	51,050	136,270
Synthetic Fibres and Filaments .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,783	994	2,777
Total, Class VII. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	193,044	77,353	270,397
<i>Class VIII.(A).—Yarns and Manufactured Fibres.</i>							
Wool Yarn (Knitting Wool)	lb.	.....	59,828	59,828	.....	92,245	92,245
Sewing Cottons and Silks .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35,330	16,102	51,432
Cordage, Rope and Twines	cwt.	181	1,358	1,539	1,282	49,777	51,059
Corn and Flour Bags and Sacks	doz.	296,875	1,050	297,925	411,878	1,863	413,741
Wool Packs	doz.	10,835	88	10,923	51,185	524	51,709
Other Yarns and Manufactured Fibres .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44,979	33,920	78,899
Total, Class VIII.(A) ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	544,654	194,431	739,085
<i>Class VIII.(B).—Textiles.</i>							
Blankets, Blanketing, Rugs and Rug-ging .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,733	87,323	95,056
Towels and Towelling .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40,906	102,387	143,293
Piece Goods—							
Apparel Fabrics .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	} (e) {	473,742	.....
Furnishing Fabrics .....	.....	.....	.....	.....		158,181	.....
Canvas and Duck .....	.....	.....	.....	.....		33,882	142,637
Moquettes, Velvets, Velveteens, Plushes and the Like .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cotton .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13,930	} (f) {	.....
Silk and/or Rayon .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	748,115		.....
Linoleums .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	210,685		.....
Carpets and Carpeting .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	107,133	44,147	151,280
Bed and Table Linens, Handkerchiefs and the Like .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	181,935	148,059	329,994
Other Textiles and Textile Manufactures .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61,412	259,825	321,237
Total, Class VIII.(B) ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	205,365	258,822	464,187
Total, Class VIII. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,611,096	1,641,241	3,252,337

(a) Oversea Imports not recorded separately.

(d) Interstate Imports not recorded separately.

(e) Oversea

Imports classified according to type of fibre.

(f) Interstate Imports classified according to use—Apparel

or Furnishing.

No. 27.—Summary of Imports during the Six Months ended 31st December, 1955—continued.

Articles.	Unit.	Quantity.			Value.		
		Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.
					£	£	£
<i>Class VIII.(C)—Apparel.</i>							
Apparel (except Corsetry, Gloves, Headwear and Footwear)—							
Men's, Youths' and Boys' :							
Hosiery .....	....	....	....	....	1,496	147,028	148,524
Pyjamas and Shirts .....	....	....	....	....	(a)	279,428	279,428
Shorts, Trousers, Coats, Suits and the Like .....	....	....	....	....	3,723	438,370	442,093
Underwear .....	....	....	....	....	(a)	102,814	102,814
Other, N.E.I. (b) .....	....	....	....	....	(a)	257,597	257,597
Women's, Maids' and Girls' :							
Hosiery .....	....	....	....	....	2,456	296,868	299,324
Costumes, Dresses, Skirts and the Like .....	....	....	....	....	4,071	650,614	654,685
Underwear and Night Attire .....	....	....	....	....	(a)	347,428	347,428
Other, N.E.I. (b) .....	....	....	....	....	(a)	450,759	450,759
Infants' Apparel .....	....	....	....	....	(a)	86,146	86,146
Corsetry .....	....	....	....	....	261	169,869	170,130
Gloves .....	....	....	....	....	11,048	38,247	49,295
Headwear .....	....	....	....	....	6,988	144,612	151,600
Footwear .....	....	....	....	....	25,436	802,830	828,266
Other Apparel and Trimmings .....	....	....	....	....	59,827	125,097	184,924
Total, Class VIII.(C) .....	....	....	....	....	115,306	4,337,707	4,453,013
<i>Class IX.—Oils, Fats and Waxes.</i>							
Greases and Grease Substitutes	lb.	31,981	1,696,875	1,728,856	3,051	77,690	80,741
Linseed Oil	gal.	5,466	22,738	28,204	2,720	17,573	20,293
Olive Oil	gal.	39,961	1,359	41,320	53,944	2,527	56,471
Petroleum and Shale Oils and Spirits—							
Crude Petroleum	gal.	256,791,777	....	256,791,777	5,976,246	....	5,976,246
Petroleum and Shale Spirits	gal.	18,653,761	24,846	18,678,607	1,109,594	5,963	1,115,557
Kerosene and the Like	gal.	9,767,568	7,084	9,774,652	483,276	760	484,036
Furnace, Diesel and other Fuel Oils	gal.	11,671,346	1,192,417	12,863,763	433,078	73,812	506,890
Lubricating Oil	gal.	1,302,807	443,050	1,745,857	160,454	179,312	339,766
Other	gal.	383,958	704	384,662	47,754	131	47,885
Other Oils, Fats and Waxes .....	....	....	....	....	23,569	132,256	155,825
Total, Class IX. ....	....	....	....	....	8,293,686	490,024	8,783,710
<i>Class X.—Pigments, Paints and Varnishes.</i>							
Colour Pigments	cwt.	9,086	6,180	15,266	50,258	65,811	116,069
Paints—							
Water Paints in Powder Form	cwt.	....	1,319	1,319	....	7,390	7,390
Ground in Liquid (Paste Form) :							
White Lead in Oil	cwt.	....	398	398	....	3,152	3,152
Other	cwt.	10	406	416	131	3,086	3,217
Resin Emulsion Types	gal.	(a)	26,614	26,614	(a)	47,988	47,988
Other	gal.	362	197,591	197,953	1,497	373,984	375,481
Varnishes and Lacquers	gal.	1,172	26,291	27,463	1,348	45,219	46,567
Other Products .....	....	....	....	....	1,519	119,087	120,606
Total, Class X. ....	....	....	....	....	54,753	665,717	720,470
<i>Class XI.—Rocks, Minerals (including Ores and Concentrates) and Hydrocarbons in Solid or Semi-solid Form.</i>							
Coal	ton	....	43,214	43,214	....	227,400	227,400
Coke	ton	317	1,015	1,332	4,467	10,885	15,352
Asphalt, Bitumen, Tar and Pitch	cwt.	4,209	23,764	27,973	7,293	39,345	46,638
Asbestos	cwt.	33,332	(d)	33,332	116,454	(d)	116,454
Sulphur	cwt.	73,100	847	73,947	50,894	1,817	52,711
Other Rocks, Minerals and Hydrocarbons .....	....	....	....	....	20,641	305,422	326,063
Total, Class XI. ....	....	....	....	....	199,749	584,869	784,618
<i>Class XII.(A)—Metals and Metal Manufactures (except Electrical Appliances and Machinery).</i>							
Iron and Steel—							
Pig Iron	cwt.	....	....	....	....	....	....
Ingots, Blooms, Slabs, Billets, etc.	cwt.	....	1,069	1,069	....	2,765	2,765
Bar, Rod, Angles, Tees, Strip, etc.	cwt.	59,556	261,965	321,521	171,934	546,131	718,065
Plate and Sheet—							
Plain	cwt.	28,364	366,237	394,601	103,186	835,405	938,591
Galvanised	cwt.	....	....	....	....	....	....
Flat	cwt.	2,723	44,287	47,015	11,620	173,259	184,879
Corrugated	cwt.	7,199	76,109	83,308	32,356	310,809	343,165
Pipes and Tubes and Fittings therefor	cwt.	26,317	263,547	289,864	117,281	1,110,242	1,227,523

(a) Oversea Imports not recorded separately.

(b) Denotes "Not Elsewhere Included."

(d) Interstate Imports not recorded separately.

No. 27.—Summary of Imports during the Six Months ended 31st December, 1955—continued.

Articles.	Unit.	Quantity.			Value.		
		Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.
					£	£	£
<i>Class XII. (A).—Metals and Metal Manufactures (except Electrical Appliances and Machinery).—cont'd.</i>							
<i>Iron and Steel—continued.</i>							
Structural (Girders, Beams, Joists Columns, etc.)	cwt.	20,537	99,721	120,258	58,394	202,695	261,089
Other Iron and Steel	cwt.	43,259	189,027	232,286	196,441	389,415	585,856
Non-ferrous Metals (including Non-ferrous Alloys)	cwt.	2,573	38,448	41,021	17,519	583,768	601,287
Wire and Manufactures thereof	....	....	....	....	198,026	271,567	469,593
Heating and Cooking Appliances (except Electrical)	....	....	....	....	55,217	109,252	164,469
Other Metal Manufactures	....	....	....	....	591,806	2,216,898	2,808,704
Motor Vehicles and Components (excluding Motor Cycles)—							
Complete Vehicles	No.	966	1,555	2,521	534,414	1,393,480	1,927,894
Bodies	No.	89	4,987	5,076	11,750	1,252,006	1,263,756
Chassis	No.	1,062	2,802	3,864	362,186	825,615	1,187,801
Parts and Accessories	....	....	....	....	665,035	963,759	1,628,794
Other Vehicles and Components	....	....	....	....	354,300	135,497	489,797
Total, Class XII.(A)	....	....	....	....	3,481,465	11,322,563	14,804,028
<i>Class XII.(B)—Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment not being Machinery.</i>							
Covered Electrical Cable and Wire	....	....	....	....	47,926	477,698	525,624
Batteries	....	....	....	....	11,905	330,966	342,871
Electric Lamps and Tubes	....	....	....	....	19,708	79,009	98,717
Wireless (Radio) Equipment	....	....	....	....	23,752	332,208	355,960
Telephone and Telegraph Equipment	....	....	....	....	69,284	241,733	311,017
Heating and Cooking Appliances	....	....	....	....	33,492	99,458	132,950
Current Generating Machines	....	....	....	....	234,465	22,002	256,467
Electrical Motors	....	....	....	....	191,430	84,685	276,115
Other Electrical Equipment	....	....	....	....	298,910	486,215	785,125
Total, Class XII.(B)	....	....	....	....	930,872	2,153,974	3,084,846
<i>Class XII.(C)—Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical).</i>							
<i>Internal Combustion Engines—</i>							
Marine	No.	251	41	292	37,359	14,839	52,198
Petrol, Kerosene or Light Spirit Types	No.	444	380	824	27,345	25,628	52,973
Diesel and Other Heavy Oil Types	No.	222	195	417	107,935	32,261	140,196
Tractors (h)	No.	635	114	749	593,798	426,290	1,020,088
Refrigerating Appliances (h)	No.	51	7,685	7,736	12,476	874,529	887,005
Choppers, Mincers and Other Food Preparing Machines (h)	No.	1,667	4,507	6,174	1,042	51,767	52,809
Floor Polishers and Vacuum Cleaners (h)	....	....	....	....	29,108	49,391	78,499
Clothes Washing Machines (h)	No.	79	3,100	3,179	4,939	202,448	207,387
Agricultural Machinery	....	....	....	....	237,774	1,103,015	1,340,789
Earth Working and Road Making Machinery	....	....	....	....	167,031	436,543	603,574
Mining and Metallurgical Machinery	....	....	....	....	420,522	161,000	581,522
Metal-working Machinery	....	....	....	....	77,191	80,347	157,538
Welding Machines	....	....	....	....	594	57,416	58,010
Wood-working Machines	....	....	....	....	16,275	63,951	80,226
Cranes, Hoists and Other Lifting Machinery	....	....	....	....	18,380	163,558	181,938
Pumps	....	....	....	....	28,706	176,898	205,604
Other Machinery	....	....	....	....	2,419,816	995,550	3,415,366
Total, Class XII.(C)	....	....	....	....	4,200,291	4,915,431	9,115,722
<i>Class XIII.(A)—Rubber and Rubber Manufactures (except Apparel).</i>							
<i>Hose, Rubber and Other (including Plastic)</i>							
Pneumatic Rubber Tyres and Tubes—					4,969	112,183	117,152
Covers	No.	3,573	148,232	151,805	51,973	1,175,512	1,227,485
Tyres, Tubeless	No.	(a)	26,295	26,295	(a)	190,507	190,507
Tubes	....	....	....	....	4,129	139,126	143,255
Rubber Sheets and Strips	....	....	....	....	32	79,608	79,640
Other Rubber Manufactures	....	....	....	....	16,204	204,190	220,394
Total, Class XIII.(A)	....	....	....	....	77,307	1,901,126	1,978,433

(a) Oversea Imports not recorded separately.

(h) Value includes Parts imported separately.

No. 27.—Summary of Imports during the Six Months ended 31st December, 1955—continued.

Articles.	Unit.	Quantity.			Value.		
		Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.
<i>Class XIII.(B)—Leather, Leather Manufactures and Leather Substitutes (except Apparel).</i>					£	£	£
Leather .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	669	50,422	51,091
Belting—Leather, Rubber and Composition .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,188	143,021	151,209
Leather Manufactures .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,018	9,940	10,958
Total, Class XIII.(B) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,875	203,383	213,258
<i>Class XIV.—Wood and Wicker, Raw and Manufactured.</i>							
Timber	sup. ft.	4,756,766	474,479	5,231,245	201,580	44,303	245,883
Veneers and Plywood	sq. ft.	37,004	1,626,667	1,663,671	1,600	55,421	57,021
Furniture .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,661	45,050	48,711
Other Wood Manufactures .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33,954	84,010	117,964
Total, Class XIV. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	240,795	228,784	469,579
<i>Class XV.—Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass and Stoneware.</i>							
Abrasive Papers and Stones .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,830	34,688	41,518
Cement, Portland	cwt.	7,596	757	8,353	7,717	819	8,536
Crockery and Householdware (except Glass, Sanitary and Lavatory Articles) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	139,944	46,178	186,122
Tiles, Wall and Floor .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45,316	71,457	116,773
Glass .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	93,377	101,109	194,486
Glassware .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66,156	129,839	195,995
Other Products .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44,474	103,976	148,450
Total, Class XV. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	403,814	488,066	891,880
<i>Class XVI.(A)—Pulp, Paper and Board.</i>							
Paper—							
Printing	cwt.	88,262	62,238	150,500	311,720	297,600	609,320
Wrapping	cwt.	7,927	35,442	43,369	50,272	242,662	292,934
Other	cwt.	9,616	13,702	23,318	83,035	92,996	176,031
Paper Boards	cwt.	2,852	23,854	26,706	16,790	110,187	126,977
Total, Class XVI.(A) ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	461,817	743,445	1,205,262
<i>Class XVI.(B)—Paper Manufactures and Stationery.</i>							
Bags and Other Containers .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	93	193,900	193,993
Advertising Matter .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,950	44,771	49,721
Magazines, Periodicals, Music and Printed Books .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	237,701	285,347	523,048
Stationery .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46,232	358,971	405,203
Other Paper Manufactures .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,679	209,109	221,788
Total, Class XVI.(B) ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	301,655	1,092,098	1,393,753
<i>Class XVII.—Sporting Material, Toys, Fancy Goods, Jewellery, and Timepieces.</i>							
Sporting Material .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18,003	114,536	132,539
Toys .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95,722	211,973	307,695
Smokers' Requisites (other than Tobacco and Matches) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,064	14,527	24,591
Fancy Goods, N.E.I. (g) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19,114	31,288	50,402
Jewellery .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24,161	124,066	148,227
Watches and Clocks .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58,216	83,920	142,136
Total, Class XVII. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	225,280	580,310	805,590
<i>Class XVIII.—Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments and Appliances and Photographic Goods, N.E.I. (g)</i>							
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	147,352	335,711	483,063
<i>Class XIX.—Chemicals, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products, Essential Oils and Fertilizers.</i>							
Sodium Carbonates	cwt.	10,053	39,552	49,605	8,882	67,427	75,809
Sodium Hydroxide	cwt.	71	3,560	3,631	198	13,164	13,362
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23,952	676,739	700,691
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,195	353,628	358,823
Soap and Substitutes therefor .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14,154	396,653	410,807

(g) Denotes "Not Elsewhere Included."

No. 27.—Summary of Imports during the Six Months ended 31st December, 1955.—continued.

Article.	Unit.	Quantity.			Value.		
		Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.
<i>Class XIX.—Chemicals, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products, Essential Oils and Fertilizers.—continued.</i>					£	£	£
Fertilizers—							
Ammonium Sulphate	cwt.	3	29,117	29,120	17	51,845	51,862
Rock Phosphates	cwt.	3,118,326	(d)	3,118,326	314,384	(d)	314,384
Other Fertilizers	cwt.	68,565	19,946	88,511	73,230	47,561	120,791
Glues and Prepared Adhesives .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,914	78,288	84,202
Insecticides and Disinfectants, Animal Washes and Dips and Weed Killers .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,936	129,965	133,901
Salt	cwt.	8,398	26,744	35,142	7,396	19,382	26,778
Yeast	lb.	.....	241,684	241,684	.....	24,335	24,335
Other Products .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	356,732	448,221	804,953
Total, Class XIX. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	813,490	2,307,208	3,120,698
<i>Class XX.—Miscellaneous.</i>							
Explosives .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24,959	523,696	548,655
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, Cases, Trunks and Wallets .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21,965	146,752	168,717
Brushware .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,705	120,777	124,482
Curtains and Blinds and Parts (other than Textile) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	64,303	64,306
Dressings and Polishes .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	376	89,894	90,270
Plastic Moulding Materials and Articles of Plastic, N.E.I. (g) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35,304	221,426	256,730
Wall and Ceiling Boards, other than Asbestos	sq. ft.	338,193	4,213,374	4,551,567	30,020	116,522	146,542
All Other Items .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,027,177	425,218	1,452,395
Total, Class XX. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,143,509	1,708,588	2,852,097
<i>Class XXI.—Gold and Silver, Bullion and Specie ; Bronze Specie (i) ....</i>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	35
GRAND TOTAL, IMPORTS ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24,464,485	43,270,392	67,734,877

(g) Denotes "Not Elsewhere Included." (i) Interstate Imports of Specie not recorded separately.

(d) Interstate Imports not recorded separately.

No. 28.—Value of Imports and Exports, Oversea and Interstate, at the Several Ports of Western Australia.

Ports, etc.	Year ended 30th June, 1955.		Six Months ended 31st December, 1955.					
	Value of Trade.		Value of Imports.			Value of Exports.†		
	Imports.	Exports.‡	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fremantle† } Perth	109,431,136*	69,426,274	24,273,050	28,504,996	52,778,046	29,442,512	11,608,578	41,051,090
Albany	1,684,098*	1,540,991	49,550	353,098	402,648	950,697	167,132	1,117,829
Broome	18,315	364,855	3,194	....	3,194	222,781	....	222,781
Bunbury	249,411	3,772,688	85,330	43,420	128,750	1,502,977	457,390	1,960,367
Busselton	241	325,231	....	....	....	207,687	207,687	207,687
Carnarvon	15,126	(b) 1049,261	533	....	533	918,782	206	918,988
Derby	579	52,792	9,590	....	9,590	75,017	....	75,017
Esperance	517,681	85	....	178,511	178,511	....	20	20
Geraldton	641,166	6,398,135	43,238	....	43,238	1,233,010	303,397	1,536,407
Onslow	33,475	66,130	....	61	61	18,367	....	18,367
Point Samson	....	19,863	....	....	....	....	....	....
Port Hedland	2,841	133,620	....	....	....	113,189	....	113,189
Wyndham	12,387	1,014,231	....	115	115	1,208,040	....	1,208,040
Yampi	92,168	575,928	....	63,555	63,555	....	235,429	235,429
By Rail	22,667,563	959,370	....	....	....	....	....	....
By Road	(c) 365,402	34,747	....	14,126,636	14,126,636	....	7,631,636	7,631,636
By Air Fre [a]	4,290,011	10,337,352	....	....	....	....	....	....
By Parcel Post(a)	1,680,941	22,541	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total	141,702,541*	96,094,094	24,464,485	43,270,392	67,734,877	35,685,372	20,611,475	56,296,847

* Amended. ‡ Including Ships' Stores. (a) Oversea Imports and Exports included under Fremantle-Perth.

(b) Includes value of whale oil shipped from Point Cloates. (c) Includes value of Cattle Overlanded from the Northern Territory to Wyndham.

† Includes Kwinana formerly shown separately.

V.—CUSTOMS AND EXCISE COLLECTIONS.

No. 29.—Gross Customs, Excise, and other Collections in Western Australia.

Stations.	Year ended 30th June, 1955.				Six Months ended 31st December, 1955.			
	Customs.	Excise.	Other.	Total.	Customs.	Excise.	Other.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fremantle(a) } Perth	6,068,199	10,591,276	359,958	17,019,433	2,296,924	5,430,565	132,489	7,859,988
Albany	10,906	174,679	396	185,981	1,088	82,485	272	83,845
Bunbury	81	67	38	186	64	132	19	215
Esperance	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Geraldton	5,525	139,932	14	145,471	226	71,090	5	71,321
Onslow	3,298	....	....	3,298	....	....	....	....
Other	9,896	....	86	9,982	2,755	....	13	2,768
Total	6,097,905	10,905,954	360,492	17,364,351	2,301,067	5,584,272	132,798	8,018,137

(a) Includes Kwinana formerly shown separately.

VI.—LAND SETTLEMENT.

No. 30.—Land Settlement as on the 31st December, 1955.

Particulars.	Area.	Area.
I.—Absolutely Alienated :— Area sold by public auction or other forms of direct sale or otherwise alienated up to 31st December, 1955	acres.	acres. 25,021,524
II.—In Process of Alienation on 31st December, 1955 :— Midland Railway Concessions in process of alienation Free Homestead Farms Conditional Purchase Selections under the Agricultural Lands Purchase Act Grazing Land Town and Suburban Lots Crown Grants of Reserves	54,800 376,219 10,286,153 323,184 1,874,501 2,914 77,861	12,995,632
Total Area alienated or in process of alienation on 31st December, 1955	....	38,017,156
III.—Leases or Licenses in Force on 31st December, 1955 :— Issued by Lands Department : Pastoral Leases Special Leases Leases of Reserves Residential Lots Perpetual Leases Issued by Mines Department : Gold Mining Leases † Mineral Leases † Miners' Homestead Leases Issued by Forests Department : Timber Permits (a)	205,783,374 2,430,472 610,213 4,671 1,045,459 23,145 43,306 33,917 3,646,147	213,620,704
IV.—Area Neither Alienated, in Process of Alienation, nor Leased	....	372,950,940
Total Area of Western Australia	....	624,588,800

† Exclusive of 590 acres on "Private Property."

† Exclusive of 2,108 acres on "Private Property."

(a) Includes certain firewood permits amounting to 16,593 acres, and Permits for cutting Wandoo for tanning purposes, amounting to 143,524 acres, but excludes Permits and Licenses for cutting timber and firewood in Goldfields areas.

No. 31.—Principal Crown Lands Transactions.—Area of Crown Lands for which Applications have been approved by the Lands Department from 1950.

Period.	Conditional Alienation.					Leases and Licenses.			
	Condi- tional Purchases.	Free Homestead Farms.	Selections, Land Purchase Act.	Town Lots.	Total.	Pastoral Leases and Licenses.	Special Leases.	Miscel- laneous Leases.	Total.
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1951	1,119,408	12,990	22,175	1,235	1,155,808	3,542,016	73,965	154,566	3,775,547
1952	1,191,191	2,659	16,844	1,707	1,212,401	3,045,945	99,386	234,013	3,379,344
1953	1,660,638	320	13,808	907	1,675,673	2,292,734	71,729	30,040	2,394,503
1954	1,039,794	780	4,558	681	1,045,813	5,427,697	224,870	106,746	5,759,313
1955	796,157	....	11,672	845	808,674	8,431,745	139,828	41,948	8,613,521
Mar. Qr.	162,135	....	11,497	303	173,935	1,595,539	24,845	13,725	1,634,109
June Qr.	173,628	....	135	207	173,970	502,365	1,201	4,163	507,819
Sept. Qr.	141,162	....	....	246	141,408	4,356,618	11,016	10,443	4,378,077
Dec. Qr.	319,232	....	40	89	319,361	1,977,223	102,676	13,617	2,093,516

VII.—PRODUCTION.

No. 32.—Estimated Net Value of Western Australian Production, 1945-46 to 1954-55.

(Primary Industries, are Calculated principally on F.O.B. and Metropolitan Market Prices less Marketing Costs and Value of Goods Consumed in process of Production. Manufacturing represents Value at Factory door less Value of Materials and Fuel used.)

Year.	Agricultural.	Pastoral and Trapping. †	Dairy, Poultry and Bee Farming.	Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining and Quarrying.	Total Primary.	Manufac- turing.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1945-46	8,822,470	6,860,192	2,426,917	1,599,637	4,211,991	23,921,207	13,826,527
1946-47	11,206,815	9,784,995	2,400,264	1,726,387	5,056,897	30,175,358	15,748,476
1947-48	26,294,869	16,919,707	2,413,302	2,091,971	5,883,258	53,603,107	18,384,197
1948-49	21,875,307	21,060,131	2,896,606	2,386,172	5,872,734	54,060,950	21,473,887
1949-50	26,604,087	†26,638,298	3,325,405	2,599,237	6,696,793	65,863,820	26,044,026
1950-51	33,125,536	61,711,921	3,886,926	3,547,646	8,751,056	111,022,903	34,220,384
1951-52	31,027,295	†34,686,482	5,264,576	4,747,879	9,774,976	85,501,208	42,745,325
1952-53	28,977,019	†38,872,554	5,460,137	4,841,704	12,409,856	90,561,270	49,191,332
1953-54	28,118,846	†44,088,568	5,541,081	5,357,062	13,998,223	97,103,780	55,147,229
1954-55	25,252,445	†36,362,351	4,665,406	5,885,467	14,713,340	86,879,009	60,955,829

† Exclusive of amounts paid as interim distributions of profits under the Wool Disposals Plan, viz., £1,814,739 in 1949; £1,814,739 in 1951; £1,162,662 in 1952; £184,052 in 1953 and £1,060,230 in 1954.

VIII.—GOLD AND COAL MINING STATISTICS.

No. 33.—Gold Production of Western Australia from 1886, also amounts of Dividends paid.

Period.	Production of Gold.				Dividends. Paid by Mining Companies
	Quantity.			Value (a).	
	Refined Outside the State. (b)	Refined at Perth Mint.	Total.		
Prior to 1951	Fine ounces. 11,540,673	Fine ounces. 41,921,769	Fine ounces. 53,462,442	£ 315,098,305	£ 46,302,187
1951	5,590	622,189	627,779	9,725,343	1,000,469
1952	9,607	720,368	729,975	11,308,559	1,079,371
1953	5,396	818,516	823,912	12,763,762	1,432,852
1954	3,089	847,451	850,540	13,249,779	1,784,893
1955	4,092	837,913	842,005	13,155,329	2,049,121
From 1886 to 31st December, 1955	11,568,447	45,768,206	57,336,653	365,301,077	53,648,893
1955—					
January	212	65,499	65,711	1,026,730	.....
February	101	63,313	63,414	990,845	187,500
March	892	110,783	111,675	1,744,928	34,375
April .....	.....	62,210	62,210	972,044	.....
May	55	61,618	61,673	963,636	488,336
June	383	63,818	64,201	1,003,134	195,000
July	560	62,882	63,442	991,280	.....
August .....	.....	70,221	70,221	1,097,203	262,500
September	936	74,119	75,055	1,172,735	.....
October	106	70,996	71,102	1,110,973	105,160
November	601	66,021	66,622	1,040,967	250,000
December	246	66,433	66,679	1,040,854	526,250
Total, Twelve Months ended December	4,092	837,913	842,005	13,155,329	2,049,121

(a) In Australian Currency, excluding additional premiums realised by the Gold Producers' Association Ltd. on sales of Western Australian Gold, viz.—£539,358 distributed in 1952, £535,330 in 1953, £63,839 in 1954 and £19,230 in 1955 (to 31st December).

No. 34.—Coal Production of Western Australia, from 1898.

Period.	Annual Production.		Monthly Production.	
	Quantity.	Value. (a)		
	tons.	£	1955— tons.	tons.
Prior to 1951	21,415,912	17,077,095	January	18,368
1951	848,475	1,716,788	February	71,368
1952	830,461	2,457,296	March	87,277
1953	886,182	*3,073,073	April	72,469
1954	1,018,343	3,588,818	May	83,133
1955	903,792	3,132,074	June	85,294
			July	82,684
			August	88,956
			September	86,058
Total for All Years	25,903,165	31,045,144		

(a) Represents value at Pit-head.

* Revised.

IX.—LIVE STOCK AND WOOL-CLIP.

No. 35.—Number of Live Stock in Western Australia on the 31st March, 1951 to 1955, and Wool Clip during each Year ended 31st March.

Date.	Horses.	Cattle.			Sheep.	Pigs.	Year ended 31st March.	Wool Clip. (a).
		Dairy Cattle.	Beef Cattle.	Total.				
31st March—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.		lb.
1951	55,340	222,875	618,329	841,204	11,361,908	89,910	1951	101,100,000
1952	53,347	230,469	621,065	851,534	12,187,752	86,224	1952	114,288,000
1953	50,241	233,869	612,392	846,261	12,474,672	76,195	1953	118,296,000
1954	48,770	229,516	600,178	829,694	13,087,108	100,912	1954	126,647,000
1955	46,886	228,245	632,329	860,574	13,411,282	107,039	1955	121,125,000

(a) Includes Dead Wool.

X.—AGRICULTURE.

No. 36.—Cropping, Clearing, etc., 1948-49 to 1954-55.

Season.	Land Cropped, Cleared, etc.					
	Under Crop. (a)	Under Established pastures.	Newly cleared and prepared for next season.	In fallow.	Other, pre- viously cropped, now used for grazing, etc.	Total.
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1948-49	4,102,348	2,788,913	369,104	2,205,076	6,435,689	15,901,130
1949-50	4,292,730	3,027,706	466,171	2,291,611	6,477,254	16,555,472
1950-51	4,532,756	3,589,598	535,483	2,234,854	5,966,658	16,859,349
1951-52	4,507,924	4,011,469	582,004	2,041,470	6,545,139	17,688,006
1952-53	4,636,654	4,266,919	630,110	1,906,285	7,202,797	18,642,765
1953-54	4,477,102	4,527,188	730,291	1,912,794	8,132,113	19,779,488
1954-55	5,042,856	4,747,383	634,744	1,815,095	8,439,051	20,679,129

(a) Excludes Meadow Hay.

No. 37.—Areas under various kinds of Crops in Western Australia, 1948-49 to 1955-56.

Season.	Principal Grain Crops.			Hay (all kinds).	Po- tatoes.	To- bacco.	To- matos.	Or- chards.	Vine- yards.	Other Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.							
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1948-49	2,867,517	531,633	64,205	226,779	6,344	620	1,340	22,585	10,014	471,843
1949-50	2,894,020	584,603	67,965	216,320	6,895	661	1,323	22,744	9,676	577,369
1950-51	3,185,389	585,701	59,114	176,990	6,780	967	1,351	22,013	9,258	589,915
1951-52	3,094,536	656,559	56,574	173,855	6,885	1,229	996	21,719	9,358	658,481
1952-53	2,999,475	832,170	106,061	227,082	8,079	1,525	978	21,492	9,233	600,084
1953-54	2,885,114	733,122	209,291	219,171	8,068	1,434	899	21,542	9,202	529,781
1954-55	2,979,151	873,588	259,688	289,329	7,563	1,418	1,037	21,475	9,015	659,195
1955-56 †	2,900,000	1,100,000	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....

† Forecast.

No. 38.—Yield of Principal Crops, 1948-49 to 1955-56.

Season.	Principal Grain Crops.			Hay (all kinds).	Po- tatoes.	To- bacco.	To- matos.	Apples.	Dried Vine Fruits (Currants, Raisins, etc.).	Wine. (†)
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.							
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	cwt.	tons.	bushels.	tons.	gallons.
1948-49	36,250,000	6,998,295	981,426	277,329	39,516	5,312	6,979	1,667,426	3,244	643,767
1949-50	38,500,000	7,267,965	967,815	272,052	39,459	5,632	7,152	1,116,886	1,974	528,242
1950-51	49,900,000	7,913,973	924,741	226,703	43,887	6,677	8,248	1,225,639	2,950	670,687
1951-52	40,000,000	7,689,222	695,085	211,629	49,930	9,638	5,693	1,127,733	2,913	812,214
1952-53	35,458,000	10,439,880	1,742,376	290,296	52,759	9,538	6,660	1,650,634	2,763	730,982
1953-54	39,700,000	9,590,643	2,733,177	293,936	53,708	8,144	6,634	1,170,030	2,543	747,148
1954-55	34,300,000	9,584,559	2,804,706	305,052	43,565	8,959	7,351	1,704,635	2,322	838,797
1955-56 †	53,000,000	17,400,000	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....

† Forecast. † Includes Distillation Wine, 310,144 gallons for 1954-55.

No. 39.—Average Yield per Acre of Principal Crops, 1948-49 to 1955-56.

Season.	Principal Grain Crops.			Hay (all kinds).	Potatoes.	Tobacco.	Tomatoes.	Apples.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.					
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	cwt.	tons.	bushels.
1948-49	12.64	13.16	15.29	1.22	6.23	8.6	5.2	138.5
1949-50	13.30	12.43	14.24	1.26	5.72	8.5	5.4	93.3
1950-51	15.66	13.51	15.64	1.28	6.47	9.0	6.1	108.2
1951-52	12.93	11.71	12.29	1.22	7.25	7.8	5.7	101.8
1952-53	11.82	12.55	16.29	1.28	6.53	6.3	6.8	150.2
1953-54	13.76	13.08	13.06	1.34	6.66	5.7	7.4	105.0
1954-55	11.51	10.97	10.80	1.05	5.76	6.3	7.1	153.1
1955-56 †	18.28	15.82	....	....	....	....	....	....

† Forecast.

XI.—FACTORY STATISTICS.

(Exclusive of Mines.)

No. 40.—Principal Commodities Produced in Factories, 1949-50 to 1953-54.

Commodity.	Unit.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.
Aerated Waters	gal.	3,713,579	3,405,896	3,576,856	3,299,562	3,503,029
Bacon and Ham	lb.	7,934,110	7,969,883	8,243,124	8,272,455	7,722,949
Bark—Ground	ton	689	1,174	943	1,092	1,153
Beer and Stout	gal.	15,250,125	16,478,979	17,433,390	17,783,571	17,844,069
Boots and Shoes	pair	467,241	556,360	579,006	476,279	524,614
Bran	ton (2,000 lb.)	34,117	47,377	48,837	49,283	41,793
Breakfast Foods (including Oatmeal)	cwt.	98,718	111,843	96,872	131,477	143,839
Bricks (Standard Size)—Clay	'000	56,427	64,628	72,417	82,521	96,174
Cement	'000	2,516	2,684	4,467	3,522	5,066
Butter	lb.	15,162,602	15,224,913	15,020,018	14,516,018	13,757,468
Cardboard Boxes	£	45,370	53,370	64,690	67,835	172,361
Cement (Portland)	ton	60,000	72,075	74,680	97,418	125,466
Cheese	lb.	1,571,211	1,675,238	1,397,265	2,004,514	2,699,531
Cigarette Papers	'000 leaves	601,410	478,984	495,880	483,828	453,370
Cigarettes	lb.	192,132	257,239	270,834	478,868	580,551
Cigars	lb.	5,945	5,815	4,834	5,191	4,995
Confectionery (not Chocolate)	lb.	4,051,476	3,582,333	3,879,947	3,887,845	3,451,985
Cordials and Syrups	gal.	190,718	168,729	201,598	214,043	195,861
Electricity Generated	'000 K.W.H.	417,499	469,914	529,701	568,677	626,851
Enamels	gal.	15,219	37,974	37,127	35,867	47,543
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	sq. yd.	1,654,761	2,067,752	2,574,632	2,436,220	2,348,624
Flour—Ordinary	ton (2,000 lb.)	159,495	217,345	221,846	224,330	187,958
Flour—Self-raising	cwt.	96,792	110,359	122,948	89,518	89,000
Gas (Town)	'000 cub. ft.	1,189,147	1,392,023	1,429,602	1,443,304	1,442,802
Ice	ton	55,698	51,586	52,418	46,281	40,528
Jams and Jellies	lb.	1,438,032	1,355,779	1,285,968	1,119,212	793,451
Leather—Sale by weight	lb.	3,397,393	3,394,619	3,582,434	3,195,256	3,032,434
Leather—Sale by measurement	sq. ft.	1,627,687	1,852,110	1,983,040	1,899,099	2,114,220
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	14,462	20,121	22,480	25,384	22,594
Margarine	lb.	816,116	281,457	609,873	1,408,584	1,214,080
Mattresses—Woven Wire, Link Mesh, etc. ....	.....	25,013	30,687	31,753	27,419	27,980
Soft Filled .....	.....	58,399	61,272	50,635	44,574	44,721
Inner Spring .....	.....	7,782	11,612	9,251	12,615	20,448
Meat—Canned	lb.	4,181,264	2,633,980	3,949,911	4,193,834	4,066,807
Nails	ton	626	757	691	679	884
Paints (excluding Water Paints)	gal.	75,147	187,887	163,839	144,689	201,214
Paper Bags	£	84,337	118,605	185,014	167,876	195,401
Perambulators	No.	2,498	2,160	1,521	1,222	1,066
Pickles	pint	429,527	455,630	446,398	523,722	673,583
Pollard	ton (2,000 lb.)	26,849	34,907	35,771	38,364	31,314
Salt-Refined, Crushed or Washed	ton	5,518	5,353	6,430	4,105	5,228
Sauce	pint	857,813	878,970	972,229	830,499	692,397
Slippers (including Sandals)	pair	640,685	782,956	741,761	568,518	749,006
Soap and Soap Substitutes (a)	cwt.	64,648	72,622	69,171	68,149	75,289
Stock and Poultry Foods—Meat and Bone Meal	cwt.	41,448	72,655	153,455	144,340	136,489
Other (Prepared)	ton (2,000 lb.)	27,236	21,375	25,381	33,042	43,976
Superphosphate	ton	387,115	416,997	421,511	417,727	428,314
Tallow (Raw and Refined)	cwt.	48,112	49,108	56,679	85,441	66,533
Tiles (Roofing), Cement	1,000	3,351	5,688	10,352	11,738	9,588
Timber (Native)—Sawn†	'000 super ft.	137,341	155,844	177,657	202,760	215,682
Hewn‡	'000 super ft.	16,824	20,637	22,234	20,985	*25,596
Tobacco	lb.	204,112	181,411	209,606	143,360	79,648
Toys and Sporting Goods	£	40,638	48,334	53,055	60,305	84,421
Tyres Retreaded	No.	36,310	49,323	67,153	69,233	73,187
Vinegar (including Bulk)	gal.	202,539	220,561	200,580	210,571	198,983
Whale Oil	ton	406	2,583	9,438	11,083	11,284
Wine (Beverage)	gal.	219,432	317,760	331,226	381,963	368,625
Wool—Scoured	lb.	15,674,942	12,849,475	12,971,705	13,584,494	15,241,703

(a) Excludes Compounded and Synthetic Detergents. † Sawn from the Log. ‡ Mainly produced by Agencies other than Industrial Establishments. * Revised.

No. 41.—Summary of Factories, according to Industrial Classes, 1953-54.

Class of Industry.	Factories.	Land and Buildings.	Plant and Machinery.	Workers. (a)	Salaries and Wages. (b)	Output.	Net Production.
	No.	£	£	No.	£	£	£
I. Treatment of Non-Metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products	119	492,568	704,716	1,737	1,304,499	5,296,476	2,333,705
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, etc.	50	992,980	1,032,003	1,539	1,137,635	3,243,078	2,007,347
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils, and Grease	52	2,514,385	2,946,873	1,846	1,528,582	10,616,120	3,508,236
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements, and Conveyances	1,264	7,268,090	4,642,606	18,241	12,408,098	36,909,513	18,997,447
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate	66	133,424	41,835	260	144,121	358,964	262,942
VI. Textile and Textile Goods (Inclusive of Knitted goods)	40	435,546	332,865	863	543,704	4,143,582	1,071,111
VII. Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear)	32	183,998	185,777	684	474,031	2,164,864	739,379
VIII. Clothing (Except Knitted)	407	1,209,525	518,445	4,453	2,021,441	5,617,702	3,087,211
IX. Food, Drink, and Tobacco	585	4,991,353	4,229,183	6,073	4,141,999	36,437,506	8,642,712
X. Wood-working and Basketware	440	1,558,813	1,767,575	6,342	4,192,377	13,745,459	6,996,740
XI. Furniture, Bedding, etc.	172	577,006	239,040	1,460	816,018	3,151,272	1,441,057
XII. Stationery, Paper, Printing, Bookbinding, etc.	117	837,209	1,326,407	2,216	1,508,869	5,281,088	2,965,115
XIII. Rubber	28	188,137	103,865	187	119,347	438,835	227,352
XIV. Musical Instruments	5	9,425	657	16	8,848	14,109	12,613
XV. Miscellaneous Products	49	157,609	62,872	380	210,511	501,144	302,019
XVI. Heat, Light, and Power	97	3,188,871	10,060,264	1,162	1,030,359	6,666,499	2,554,243
Total, 1953-54	3,523	24738939	28194983	47,459	31,590,439	134586811	54,147,229
Total, 1952-53	3,424	20,959,603	24,034,814	45,188	28,343,533	119,909,764	49,191,332
Total, 1951-52	3,267	16,747,352	20,715,509	45,097	25,384,517	106,571,588	42,745,325
Total, 1950-51	3,111	13,380,566	14,712,662	43,761	19,657,798	84,431,056	34,220,384
Total, 1949-50	3,023	11,055,002	11,456,767	40,733	15,293,241	63,978,037	26,044,026
Total, 1948-49	2,925	10,054,598	9,800,130	38,354	12,927,830	53,417,492	21,473,887
Total, 1947-48	2,788	9,482,660	9,189,910	35,967	10,735,647	45,625,796	18,384,197

(a) Including Particulars of Working Proprietors. (b) Excluding Value of Working Proprietors' Services.

No. 42.—Factory Employment in Age Groups, as at end of June, 1954.

(Exclusive of Working Proprietors.)

Class of Industry.	Under 16 Years.	16 Years.	17 Years.	18 Years.	19 Years.	20 Years.	21 Years and over.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
I. Treatment of Non-Metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products	36	34	31	50	18	19	1,572	1,760
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, etc.	11	14	22	16	11	18	1,493	1,585
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils, and Grease	11	19	35	37	15	26	1,793	1,936
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements, and Conveyances	427	569	607	551	523	468	14,309	17,454
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate	2	10	7	8	6	10	167	210
VI. Textile and Textile Goods (Inclusive of Knitted goods)	35	25	40	38	29	35	672	874
VII. Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear)	24	22	13	9	12	10	584	674
VIII. Clothing (Except Knitted)	296	314	235	250	227	185	2,586	4,093
IX. Food, Drink, and Tobacco	117	129	184	175	148	147	4,745	5,645
X. Wood-working and Basketware	108	110	134	128	119	103	5,362	6,064
XI. Furniture, Bedding, etc.	85	60	67	78	64	61	906	1,321
XII. Stationery, Paper, Printing, Bookbinding, etc.	76	106	84	77	88	77	1,667	2,175
XIII. Rubber	8	4	6	4	5	4	143	174
XIV. Musical Instruments	2	1	1	....	1	1	10	16
XV. Miscellaneous Products	24	10	16	16	14	10	269	359
XVI. Heat, Light, and Power	3	3	6	5	9	14	1,127	1,167
Total All Industries	1,265	1,430	1,488	1,442	1,289	1,188	37,405	45,507

XII.—RETAIL PRICES AND HOUSE RENTS.

No. 43.—Average Retail Prices* of Food and Groceries—Metropolitan Area.

Commodity.	Unit.	1954.				1955.			
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Quarter ended Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Quarter ended Dec.
<i>Groceries.</i>									
Bread	2 lb.	Pence. 13-50	Pence. 14-00	Pence. 14-00	Pence. 13-83	Pence. 14-50	Pence. 14-50	Pence. 14-50	Pence. 14-50
Flour—Ordinary	"	11-90	11-90	11-90	11-90	13-60	13-50	13-60	13-57
Self-raising	"	19-20	19-20	19-20	19-20	19-65	19-65	19-65	19-65
Tea	lb.	69-95	92-45	92-45	84-95	85-60	86-80	86-80	86-40
Sugar	"	9-00	9-00	9-00	9-00	9-00	9-00	9-00	9-00
Rice	"	11-85	11-80	11-75	11-80	11-60	11-65	11-65	11-63
Sago (Seed Tapioca)	"	16-50	15-50	15-50	15-83	15-20	15-60	15-60	15-47
Jam—Plum	1½ lb. tin	31-80	31-85	31-85	31-83	31-80	31-80	31-80	31-80
Golden Syrup	2 lb. tin	19-85	19-85	19-85	19-85	19-85	19-85	19-85	19-85
Oats—Flaked	lb.	9-25	9-25	9-25	9-25	11-36	11-14	11-14	11-21
Raisins	"	30-08	30-08	30-08	30-08	29-75	29-83	29-70	29-76
Currants	"	24-00	23-90	23-90	23-93	24-25	23-90	24-00	24-05
Apricots—Dried	"	62-43	61-00	61-00	61-48	60-38	59-00	60-50	59-96
Peaches—Canned	30 oz. tin	39-15	39-15	39-20	39-17	39-70	39-70	39-55	39-65
Pears—Canned	"	40-70	40-70	40-65	40-68	41-00	41-00	40-50	40-83
Potatoes	7 lb.	32-00	27-75	27-75	29-17	36-88	31-00	31-00	32-96
Onions—Brown	lb.	9-14	8-00	7-94	8-36	10-31	10-44	10-63	10-46
Soap—Household	"	19-30	19-30	19-30	19-30	19-30	19-30	19-30	19-30
Kerosene	qrt.	13-05	13-05	13-05	13-05	13-03	13-05	13-05	13-04
<i>Dairy Produce.</i>									
Butter—Choicest	lb.	50-00	50-00	49-60	49-87	52-90	52-90	52-90	52-90
Cheese	"	37-00	37-00	37-00	37-00	41-64	41-64	41-64	41-64
Eggs—Standard, New Laid	doz.	53-80	54-00	54-00	53-93	55-10	55-00	57-70	55-93
Bacon, Rashers	lb.	68-33	66-75	66-13	67-07	65-11	66-17	67-50	66-26
Milk—Condensed Sweetened (Full Cream)	14 oz. tin	23-35	23-35	23-35	23-35	22-45	22-35	22-55	22-45
Milk—Fresh	qrt.	17-00	17-00	17-00	17-00	17-00	17-00	17-00	17-00
<i>Meat.</i>									
Beef—Sirloin	lb.	....	....	....	38-15	....	....	....	39-07
Rib, Rolled .....	"	....	....	....	†	....	....	....	40-04
Steak—Rump .....	"	....	....	....	53-83	....	....	....	55-13
Chuck .....	"	....	....	....	35-37	....	....	....	35-27
Sausages .....	"	....	....	....	21-81	....	....	....	21-65
(Corned)—Silverside .....	"	....	....	....	36-93	....	....	....	37-83
Brisket .....	"	....	....	....	29-90	....	....	....	29-57
Mutton—Leg .....	"	....	....	....	27-26	....	....	....	28-00
Forequarter .....	"	....	....	....	17-38	....	....	....	17-33
Loin .....	"	....	....	....	27-16	....	....	....	27-83
Chops—Loin .....	"	....	....	....	27-53	....	....	....	27-83
Leg .....	"	....	....	....	27-53	....	....	....	27-83
Pork—Leg .....	"	....	....	....	50-42	....	....	....	53-89
Loin .....	"	....	....	....	50-59	....	....	....	53-89
Chops .....	"	....	....	....	50-59	....	....	....	53-89

* As at the 15th of the month.

† Particulars not available.

No. 44.—Retail Price Index Numbers—Five Principal Towns.

Groups—Food and Groceries, Clothing, Miscellaneous and Rent.

(Base—Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923-27, = 1,000.)

Town.	Food and Groceries.		Clothing.		Miscellaneous.		Rent.	
	December Quarter.		December Quarter.		December Quarter.		December Quarter.	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
Metropolitan Area	2798	2878	3204	3229	2048	2123	1779	1880
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	2953	3082	3229	3267	2045	2141	1259	1276
Northam	2858	2916	3212	3221	1952	2002	1615	1679
Bunbury	2853	2978	3188	3225	1926	1997	1851	1894
Geraldton	2887	2984	3260	3263	2186	2294	2067	2400
Weighted Average—5 Towns	2813	2898	3207	3232	2046	2123	1746	1844

No. 45.—Retail Price Index Numbers of Food and Groceries—31 Towns.

(Base—Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923–27 = 1,000.)

Note.—Conversion to the 1911 base may be effected by using the multiplier, 1.788.

Town.	1954.				1955.			
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.
Metropolitan Area	2731	2832	2848	2798	2819	2905	2870	2878
Albany	2678	2822	2809	2779	2810	2939	2878	2888
Bridgetown	2706	2731	2761	2771	2834	2964	2963	2963
Bunbury	2782	2849	2881	2853	2866	3006	2981	2978
Busseton	2718	2801	2842	2825	2826	2929	2949	2914
Collie	2804	2878	2906	2886	2914	3008	2987	2996
Coolgardie	2891	2997	3047	3016	3027	3078	3076	3085
Cue	2898	2978	3034	3066	3048	3140	3116	3121
Dalwallinu	2641	2704	2752	2757	2751	2844	2852	2850
Esperance	2968	2982	3061	3064	3060	3116	3086	3104
Geraldton	2816	2852	2923	2887	2896	2987	2990	2984
Greenbushes	2710	2781	2770	2794	2795	2851	2882	2882
Jarrabdale	2668	2706	2747	2752	2766	2813	2808	2841
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	2852	2899	2936	2953	2981	3063	3070	3082
Katanning	2717	2814	2847	2818	2849	2942	2918	2940
Leonora-Gwalla	2940	3005	3056	3056	3085	3179	3173	3195
Manjimup	2686	2788	2853	2827	2862	2926	2927	2950
Meekatharra	2941	2989	3014	3041	3032	3097	3101	3103
Merredin	2806	2878	2902	2913	2937	3018	2980	2971
Moora	2681	2754	2781	2809	2859	2948	2952	2955
Mullewa	2705	2726	2744	2766	2806	2877	2858	2855
Narembeen	2631	2719	2747	2760	2835	2878	2900	2890
Narrogin	2707	2789	2818	2813	2828	2905	2925	2909
Norseman	2869	2919	2942	2958	2962	3023	3012	3024
Northam	2737	2807	2865	2858	2885	2967	2928	2916
Northampton	2774	2868	2865	2874	2896	2938	2955	2961
Pemberton	2741	2786	2852	2856	2877	2900	2906	2930
Southern Cross	2849	2941	2944	2952	3000	3079	3076	3086
Three Springs	2745	2855	2868	2870	2909	2951	2948	2975
Wyalkatchem	2691	2799	2952	2951	2990	3038	3030	3044
Yarloop	2780	2817	2909	2898	2919	2995	2992	3014

No. 46.—Housing (Rents of Four and Five-roomed Houses)—Five Principal Towns.

Variations in the Rents of four and five-roomed Houses in the five principal Western Australian towns are shown in the following table. The Index numbers are based on returns received from house agents for ordinary unfurnished dwellings, in a good state of repair with ordinary conveniences and occupying fair situations.

(Base—Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923–27 = 1,000.)

Period.	Western Australia.					Weighted Average for Five Towns.
	Metropolitan Area.	Kalgoorlie-Boulder.	Northam.	Bunbury.	Geraldton.	
1949	895	1095	955	1005	1080	917
1950	901	1126	967	1028	1094	926
1951	1065	1180	1182	1201	1309	1083
1952	1185	1212	1284	1311	1436	1197
1953	1205	1229	1342	1340	1476	1218
1954	1602	1254	1469	1597	1847	1580
Quarters—1955—						
First	1795	1266	1620	1858	2078	1761
Second	1837	1269	1638	1871	2110	1799
Third	1858	1271	1644	1875	2137	1818
Fourth	1880	1276	1679	1894	2400	1844

No. 47.—Retail Price Index Numbers ("C" Series)—Five Principal Towns.

(Base—Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923–27 = 1,000.)

Period.	Western Australia.					Weighted Average—Five Towns.	Weighted Average—Six Capital Cities.
	Metropolitan Area.	Kalgoorlie-Boulder.	Northam.	Bunbury.	Geraldton.		
Year 1949	1410	1502	1420	1424	1475	1418	1415
1950	1538	1636	1550	1559	1611	1547	1560
1951	1860	1940	1870	1870	1956	1868	1883
1952	2170	2262	2186	2195	2293	2180	2196
1953	2295	2361	2315	2314	2421	2303	2302
1954	2459	2426	2417	2447	2577	2458	2326
Quarters—1954—							
First	2348	2407	2360	2376	2473	2356	2327
Second	2475	2418	2395	2403	2550	2460	2324
Third	2512	2435	2441	2498	2648	2507	2321
Fourth	2602	2442	2470	2512	2638	2500	2333
Quarters—1955—							
First	2514	2452	2481	2519	2643	2512	2349
Second	2569	2497	2523	2586	2690	2565	2375
Third	2561	2502	2511	2581	2702	2559	2411
Fourth	2573	2519	2516	2589	2771	2573	2435

XIII.—WAGES.

No. 48.—State Basic Wage.

Quarterly Rates are shown only where there has been an adjustment from the previous quarter or from the preceding Annual Declaration.

Date of Operation.	Metropolitan Area (a).		South-West Land Division.		Goldfields Areas and other parts of State.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
*1-7-26 (b)	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
*1-7-29 (b)	4 5 0	2 5 11	4 5 0	2 5 11	4 5 0	2 5 11
*1-7-30 (b)	4 7 0	2 7 0	4 7 0	2 7 0	4 5 0†	2 5 11†
3-3-31 (b)	4 6 0	2 6 5	4 5 0	2 5 11	4 5 0	2 5 11
*1-7-31 (b)	3 18 0	2 2 2	3 17 0	2 1 8	3 17 0	2 1 8
18-8-31	3 18 0	2 2 2	3 17 0	2 1 8	3 17 0	2 1 8
5-11-31	3 18 0	2 2 2	3 16 0	2 1 0	3 17 0	2 1 8
29-2-32	3 13 6	1 19 8	3 14 6	2 0 3	3 17 0	2 1 8
3-5-32	3 12 0	1 18 11	3 13 6	1 19 8	3 17 0	2 1 8
*1-7-32	3 12 0	1 18 11	3 13 6	1 19 8	3 18 0	2 2 2
2-11-32	3 10 6	1 18 1	3 12 6	1 19 2	3 18 0	2 2 2
28-2-33	3 9 0	1 17 3	3 11 0	1 18 4	3 18 0	2 2 2
16-5-33	3 9 0	1 17 3	3 9 6	1 17 6	3 18 0	2 2 2
*1-7-33	3 8 0	1 16 9	3 9 6	1 17 6	3 17 6	2 1 10
3-8-33	3 9 3	1 17 5	3 9 6	1 17 6	3 17 6	2 1 10
1-5-34	3 9 3	1 17 5	3 9 6	1 17 6	3 19 3	2 2 10
*1-7-34	3 9 6	1 17 6	3 10 0	1 17 10	3 19 6	2 2 11
1-8-34	3 11 0	1 18 4	3 11 6	1 18 7	4 2 0	2 4 3
24-5-35	3 11 0	1 18 4	3 11 6	1 18 7	4 4 4	2 5 6
*1-7-35	3 10 6	1 18 1	3 11 2	1 18 5	4 4 4	2 5 6
4-11-35	3 10 6	1 18 1	3 11 2	1 18 5	4 5 7	2 6 3
*1-7-36	3 10 6	1 18 1	3 11 9	1 18 9	4 6 0	2 6 5
12-8-36	3 12 0	1 18 11	3 13 0	1 19 5	4 7 0	2 7 0
16-11-36	3 13 9	1 19 10	3 14 8	2 0 4	4 7 0	2 7 0
*1-7-37	3 13 9	1 19 10	3 14 8	2 0 4	4 7 0	2 7 0
26-7-37	3 14 11	2 0 5	3 15 10	2 0 11	4 7 0	2 7 0
*1-7-38	4 0 0	2 3 2	4 1 0	3 9	4 13 3	2 10 4
29-7-38	4 1 1	2 3 9	4 1 0	3 9	4 15 2	2 11 5
2-11-38	4 1 1	2 3 9	4 2 2	3 4	4 15 2	2 11 5
24-4-39	4 2 2	2 4 4	4 2 2	3 4	4 16 4	2 12 0
*1-7-39	4 2 2	2 4 4	4 3 1	3 4 10	4 16 4	2 12 0
*1-7-40	4 2 8	2 4 8	4 3 3	3 4 11	4 16 3	2 12 0
31-7-40	4 5 4	2 6 1	4 5 6	3 6 2	4 18 8	2 13 3
26-10-40	4 5 4	2 6 1	4 5 6	3 6 9	5 0 3	2 14 2
26-2-41	4 6 11	2 6 11	4 7 8	3 8 2	5 2 1	2 15 2
28-4-41	4 8 0	2 7 6	4 9 3	3 8 2	5 3 6	2 15 11
*1-7-41	4 8 0	2 7 6	4 9 3	3 8 2	5 3 6	2 15 11
28-7-41	} 4 10 5	2 8 10	4 10 10	2 9 1	5 5 7	2 17 0
*1-7-42						
8-8-42 (c)	4 14 11	2 11 3	4 14 10	2 11 3	5 5 7	2 17 0
Nov., 1942 (d)	4 17 9	2 12 9	4 17 1	2 12 5	5 5 7	2 17 0
1-3-43	4 18 9	2 13 4	4 18 1	2 13 0	5 5 7	2 17 0
*1-7-43	4 19 1	2 13 6	4 18 1	2 13 0	5 5 9	2 17 1
Aug., 1943 (d)	5 1 1	2 14 7	5 0 3	2 14 2	5 7 10	2 18 3
28-2-44	4 19 8	2 13 10	4 19 8	2 13 7	5 6 7	2 17 7
*1-7-44	4 19 11	2 13 11	4 19 8	2 13 10	5 7 1	2 17 10
26-10-44 (e)	4 19 11	2 13 11	5 0 9	2 14 5	5 7 1	2 17 10
28-2-45 (e)	4 19 11	2 13 11	4 19 7	2 13 9	5 7 1	2 17 10
*1-7-45	5 0 1	2 14 1	4 19 7	2 13 9	5 7 5	2 18 0
13-5-46 (e)	5 1 1	2 14 7	4 19 7	2 13 9	5 9 0	2 18 10
*1-7-46	5 1 1	2 14 7	5 0 6	2 14 3	5 9 0	2 18 10
22-7-46 (e)	5 2 1	2 15 1	5 1 6	2 14 10	5 10 4	2 19 7
4-2-47 (e)	5 2 1	2 15 1	5 1 6	2 14 10	5 15 4	3 2 3
26-2-47 (f)	5 7 1	2 17 10	5 1 6	2 14 10	5 16 0	3 2 8
*1-7-47	5 7 10	2 18 3	5 7 3	2 17 6	5 17 6	3 3 5
23-7-47	5 9 3	2 19 0	5 8 9	2 17 11	5 19 0	3 4 3
30-10-47	5 10 9	2 19 10	5 10 6	2 18 9	5 19 0	3 4 3
2-2-48	5 12 9	3 0 11	5 12 6	2 19 8	6 1 4	3 5 6
26-4-48 and *1-7-48	5 15 9	3 2 6	5 15 2	3 2 2	6 4 9	3 7 4
26-7-48	5 17 5	3 3 5	5 17 1	3 3 3	6 5 10	3 7 11
1-11-48	6 1 7	3 5 8	6 1 3	3 5 6	6 9 6	3 9 11
9-2-49	6 4 9	3 7 4	6 4 4	3 7 2	6 12 9	3 11 8
2-5-49 and *1-7-49	6 7 1	3 8 8	6 6 9	3 8 5	6 15 1	3 12 11
21-7-49	6 13 2	3 11 11	6 12 11	3 11 9	7 0 5	3 15 10
24-10-49	6 15 11	3 13 5	6 15 4	3 13 1	7 2 11	3 17 2
31-1-50	6 18 1	3 14 7	6 17 4	3 14 2	7 4 8	3 18 1
1-5-50	7 0 0	3 15 7	6 19 9	3 15 6	7 7 3	3 19 6
31-7-50	7 3 6	3 17 6	7 3 3	3 17 4	7 11 6	4 1 10
23-10-50	7 6 6	3 19 1	7 6 7	3 19 2	7 14 8	4 3 6
*18-12-50	8 6 6	4 14 1	8 6 7	4 14 2	8 14 8	4 18 6
29-1-51	8 12 11	4 17 9	8 12 11	4 17 9	9 0 5	5 1 9
30-4-51	9 4 3	5 4 1	9 4 1	5 4 1	9 8 5	5 6 3
23-7-51	9 16 8	5 11 1	9 15 9	5 10 8	10 1 6	5 13 8
†22-10-51	10 5 8	{ 5 16 3 } { 6 13 8 }	10 4 7	{ 5 15 8 } { 6 13 0 }	10 10 11	{ 5 18 11 } { 6 17 1 }
29-1-52	10 14 1	6 19 2	10 13 8	6 18 11	10 19 8	7 2 9
28-4-52	11 3 10	7 5 6	11 2 5	7 4 7	11 8 10	7 8 9
28-7-52	11 12 3	7 11 0	11 12 5	7 11 1	11 8 0	7 14 8
27-10-52	11 18 6	7 15 0	11 19 2	7 15 6	12 4 2	7 18 9
27-1-53	11 18 6	7 15 0	12 0 6	7 16 4	12 5 9	7 19 9
27-4-53	12 1 10	7 17 2	12 3 0	7 17 11	12 7 9	8 1 0
27-7-53	12 6 6	8 0 3	12 6 0	7 19 11	12 9 4	8 2 1
9-8-55	12 12 5	8 4 1	12 11 8	8 3 7	12 14 1	8 5 2
31-1-56	12 13 8	8 4 11	12 13 11	8 5 0	12 15 11	8 6 4

* Annual Declaration.

† Relates to certain specified Goldfields Districts only.

(a) Defined as the area comprised within a radius of 15 miles from G.P.O., Perth.

(b) Rates for divisions shown not specifically declared by Court. (See *letterpress in June, 1942, issue.*)

(c) Rates declared in Basic Wage Adjustment and Order No. 1 issued under the authority of National Security (Economic Organisation) Regulations.

(d) First pay period in month.

(e) First pay period after date hereof.

(f) Interim Basic Wage declaration authorised under amendment to National Security (Economic Organisation) Regulations, operative first pay period after date thereof.

† The Basic Wage for Females was declared by the Arbitration Court as 65 per cent. of the male rate, to operate as from the 1st December, 1951.

No. 49.—Minimum Rates of Wages payable under Awards of Courts of Arbitration and Industrial Agreements, in certain Industries and Occupations as at 31st December, 1955.

Rates relate to the Metropolitan Area except where otherwise stated, and are shown to the nearest farthing.

Industry and Occupation.	Wages.	Industry and Occupation.	Wages.
CLASS I.—TREATMENT OF METALLIFEROUS MINE QUARRY PRODUCTS—	£ s. d.	CLASS III.—CHEMICALS, DYES, EXPLOSIVES, PAINTS, OILS, GREASE—	£ s. d.
Asbestos-Cement Goods:	Per week.	Oil Handling:	Per week.
Sheet Machine driver, Magnani Machine Operator	14 12 5	Weekly hands	14 14 3
Moulder	13 13 5	Soap and Candle Factories:	
	to	Glycerine Hand	14 2 5
	14 0 5	Soap Crutcher	13 16 5
	13 9 11	Tallow Man, and Soap Cutter	13 13 5
	o	Box-wirer	12 14 6
All others	14 0 5	Assistants to Soapmaker	13 13 5
	14 1 5	Wrappers and Packers (Adult Females)	8 8 7
Cement Pipe Making:		Superphosphate Works:	
Pipe Moulder	to	Phosphate Rock Section	13 13 11
	14 7 5		to
Wiredrawer	13 19 5		13 19 11
General Hands	13 8 5		14 2 11
Cement Works:		Sulphur Section	to
Miller (Raw Mill)	14 7 5		14 8 11
Assistant (Raw Mill)	13 12 5	Superphosphate Section	13 13 11
Burner	15 10 5		to
	13 6 5		14 12 11
	to		13 16 11
	14 7 5	Sulphuric Acid Chamber Section	to
Fibrous Plaster, Plaster and Cement Goods:			14 8 11
Bench Hand	14 17 5	Acid and Chemical Manufacturing Plant Section	14 2 11
Fixer	14 15 11		13 13 11
Cement Worker	13 8 5		to
Plaster Caster	13 17 5	Mixed Manures Plant Section	14 8 11
Limeworks:			13 13 11
Loaders and Kiln Hands	13 1 5		to
Quarrymen	13 4 5	General Section	14 5 11
	13 15 11		
	to		
Horse Drivers	14 8 5		
	14 3 11		
	to		
Motor Drivers	14 14 5		
	13 7 5		
Dayfriers, Lime Baggers, and Crushers	13 14 11		
Kiln Repairers	13 10 5		
Powder Monkey	Per shift.		
	2 19 4		
CLASS II.—BRICKS POTTERY, GLASS, ETC.—	Per week.	CLASS IV.—INDUSTRIAL METALS, MACHINES, IMPLEMENTS AND CONVEYANCES—	
Brickworks (House Bricks):		State Engineering Works, Leighton:	
Burner	14 3 11	Fitters, Turners, Moulders	16 7 5
	to	Boiler-maker	16 7 5
	14 9 11	Pattern-makers	17 9 11
Clayhole Hands	13 18 5	Blacksmiths	17 17 5
	to	Carpenters	(a) 16 8 5
	14 9 11	Painters	16 4 8
	13 18 5	Labourers	12 12 5
	to		
Machine Driver	14 14 5	Agricultural Implement Making:	
	13 18 5	Assemblers	13 17 5
Taker-off and Assistant Setter	14 14 5		to
Setter	14 14 5		14 7 5
Moulder and Presser (Fancy Bricks)	14 14 5	Agricultural Implement and/or Comb Fitters	14 17 5
			to
Brickworks (Fire-bricks):			15 2 5
Clayhole Hand	13 18 5	Serviceman	14 17 5
Off Bearers	14 9 11		
Scintlers	13 18 5	Coachbuilding, etc.:	
	14 3 5	Coachsmith, General Smith, Farrier, Wheelwright Smith, Spring Maker and/or Fitters on Road Vehicles, Bodymaker, Panel Beater	16 7 5
	to		13 17 5
Burners	14 9 11		to
	14 14 5		16 7 5
Setters	13 18 5	Welders	16 7 5
Mill-mixer	14 4 11		
Wheeler-out	13 18 5	Wheelwright, Wheelmaker, Painter, Spray Painter, Trimmer, Grainer, Seat maker, Signwriter	15 19 11
Wheeler for setting			15 9 11
Glass:		Machinists (all kinds)	to
Glass Bevelling and Silvering	15 19 11		15 12 5
Leadlight Glazing	15 19 11	Sectional Trimmer	14 17 5
Pottery Workers (Pipe and Tile):		Floorman, Metal Panel Fixer	14 9 11
Burner	14 7 5	Assembler, Vyceman	13 19 11
Moulder, Presser, Trap Maker	14 2 5	Storeman	13 16 5
Junction Sticker	13 14 11		12 12 5
	13 14 5		to
	to		13 16 5
Setters	13 19 5		
	12 19 11		
	13 19 5		
Others	to		
	13 19 5		
		Engineering Foundries, etc. (Metropolitan)—	
		Blacksmith, Fitter, Turner, etc.	16 7 5
		Patternmaker	17 9 11
		Toolmaker	17 2 5

(a) Includes Tool allowance 5s. 0d.

(a) Outside 15-mile radius from G.P.O. (b) Inclusive of loadings.

No. 49.—Minimum Rates of Wages payable under Awards of Courts of Arbitration and Industrial Agreements in certain Industries and Occupations as at 31st December, 1955—continued.

Industry and Occupation.	Wages.	Industry and Occupation.	Wages.
CLASS VIII.—CLOTHING—continued.	£ s. d.	CLASS IX.—FOOD, DRINK, AND TOBACCO—continued.	£ s. d.
Dressmaking (Order) (Federal Award):		Baking—continued.	
Males:	Per week.	Single Hand Baker, Doughmaker	Per week.
Cutters	15 10 0	Baker doing Oven work, Board Hand	17 9 5
Tailors	14 16 0		16 17 5
Machinists	14 7 0		Per hour.
Pressers-off	14 7 0		0 8 11
	12 4 0		Per week.
Others	to	Jobber	13 18 11
	14 16 0	Bread-carter	14 6 11
Females:		Bread-carter (in charge motor vehicle)	
Cutters	12 3 0	Biscuits and Cakes:	
Pressers (Iron over 8 lb.)	14 7 0	Mixers	14 0 5
	9 3 0	Ovensmen	13 17 5
Journeywomen	to	Brakesmen	13 15 5
	10 13 0	General Factory Hands	13 6 11
Dressmaking (Ready-made):		Female Employees (Adults)	8 9 1
Males:		Breweries (including Bottling):	
Cutters	15 0 0	Motor Lorry Driver (without Attendant)	15 10 5
Tailors	14 16 0	Cylinder Men	15 5 5
Machinist	14 7 0	Leading Hands	16 0 5
Pressers-off	14 7 0	Topmen	15 5 5
	12 4 0	Bottle-washers, Cask-washers, Packers,	
Others	to	Sorters, Corkers, Wirers, Labourers, etc.	15 0 5
	15 1 0	Cask Pitchers	15 3 5
Females:		Engine-driver	16 0 0
Cutters	10 13 0	Firemen	15 7 0
Pressers (Iron over 8 lb.)	14 7 0	Coopers	15 16 0
	9 3 0	Chaffcutting and Carting (a):	
Journeywomen	to	Cook	13 18 8
	10 13 0	Bag-sewer	13 17 2
Underclothing and Whitework:		Engine-drivers	13 14 8
Males:		Bale Lumpers	13 15 8
Cutters	15 0 0	Others	13 9 2
Others	12 4 0	(From these rates £4 3s. 11d. is deducted	
	to	per week for keep.)	
	14 13 0	Cigar, Cigarette and Tobacco Making:	
Females:		Males (Adult)	13 6 5
Pressers (Iron over 8 lb.)	14 4 0		to
	9 3 0	Females (Adult)	13 17 5
Journeywomen	to		8 11 7
	10 13 0	Flour Mills (Federal Award):	
Shirtmaking:		Foreman Miller	17 10 0
Males:			15 12 6
Cutters	15 0 0	Shift Millers or Rollerwoman	to
Others	12 4 0		17 10 0
	to	Fitters and Millwrights	16 9 6
	14 13 0	General Repairers	15 3 0
	9 3 0	Wheat Samplers	14 6 0
Females:	to	Smuttermen and Topmen	14 12 6
	10 13 0	Packermen	14 8 0
Tailoring: Men's (Order)		Storehand	14 1 0
Males:			14 8 0
Cutters	15 19 0	Engine-drivers	to
Trimmer, Fitter-up, Machinist	14 7 0		15 10 0
	12 4 0	Firemen	13 19 0
Others	to	Other Adults	13 3 0
	15 1 0	Fruit and Produce Markets:	
Females:		Head Storeman	14 7 5
Cutters	15 19 0	Weekly Workers	13 19 11
Fitter-up, Shaper	14 7 0	Ham and Bacon Curing:	
	9 3 0	Leading Man	16 2 5
Journeywomen	to	Scalders	15 4 11
	11 14 0		15 4 11
Clothing, Men's (Ready-made):		Assistants in Cellar	to
Males:			16 2 5
Cutters	15 0 0	Trimmers	14 8 5
Tailors	14 16 0		to
Trimmers, Fitters-up Machinist	14 7 0		15 4 11
Pressers, Seam Pressers	14 7 0	Ice-making and Cold Storage	
Brushers, Folders	13 4 0	Engine Driver	15 12 5
Females:			
Cutters	15 0 0	Fireman	13 15 5
Trimmers, Fitters-up	14 7 0		to
Seam Pressers	14 7 0		14 7 5
	9 3 0	Milk Processing:	
Journeywomen	to	Tester and Grader	14 10 5
	11 9 0	Pasteuriser	13 14 5
CLASS IX.—FOOD, DRINK, AND TOBACCO—		Man in Charge, Bottling Machine	13 8 5
BACCO—		All other Adults	13 6 11
Aerated Waters and Cordial Factories:		Females (General Hands)	8 4 1
Motor Driver	14 14 5	Pastry Cooking:	
Bottler in Charge of Generator	14 3 5	Pastry-cook (Single hand)	15 13 5
Bottler	13 7 5	Pastry-cook	15 2 5
Packer Wirer, Tally Clerk	13 4 11	Female Pastry-cook	9 11 1
	12 12 5	Sugar Refinery:	
Others	to	Raw Sugar:	
	14 12 5	Leading hand	14 14 11
Baking:		Unstacking, cutting-in	14 0 11
Foreman-in-charge of 4 or more workers	18 2 5	Melting House:	
Foreman-in-charge of less than 4 workers	17 15 11	Washing fagals	14 12 11

(a) Excluding are within 15-mile radius from G.P.O. Includes allowance of 12s. 6d. per week

No. 49.—Minimum Rates of Wages payable under Awards of Courts of Arbitration and Industrial Agreements in certain Industries and Occupations as at 31st December, 1955—continued.

Industry and Occupation.	Wages.	Industry and Occupation.	Wages.
CLASS IX.—FOOD, DRINK, AND TOBACCO—continued.	£ s. d.	CLASS X.—WOOD - WORKING AND BASKETWARE—continued.	£ s. d.
Pan Floor:	Per week.	Timber Yards—continued.	Per week.
Refined fagals	15 14 5	Jointer	13 13 5
Boil-out fagals	14 12 11	to	14 11 11
Cleaner Attendants	14 9 11	Undertaking:	
Refined Sugar:		Coffin-maker	15 13 5
Leading hand (Store Room)	14 11 11	Groom, Trimmer	13 2 11
Stackers and Truckers (Store Room)	13 16 5		
Drier and Grader	14 12 11		
Packages:			
Leading hand	14 10 11		
Men Washing and Drying	13 10 5		
Unspecified Workers	13 10 5		
CLASS X.—WOOD - WORKING AND BASKETWARE—		CLASS XI.—FURNITURE, BEDDING, Etc.—	
Box and Case-making:		Cabinet-maker, Chair-maker	(a) 16 6 5
Sawyer	14 11 11	Wood-carver, Shaper and Upholsterer, French Polisher	16 4 11
Machinist	14 18 5	Wire Mattress-maker, Wicker-worker and Mattress-maker	14 15 11
Case-maker	13 14 5	Picture Frame-maker	14 2 5
Labourer	13 14 5	Labourer	12 12 5
Timber Workers (Sawmills):	12 12 5	to	13 3 11
Blacksmith (Bush), or Farrier	15 7 8		
Carpenter (Bush)	14 12 8		
Carpenters and Joiners	16 2 8		
Dockerman	13 4 8		
Engine-drivers:			
Locomotive	15 11 5		
to	16 1 11		
Stationary	14 7 5		
Faller	14 17 5		
Firemen:	15 3 2		
Locomotive	14 2 5		
Stationary	13 15 5		
Labourer	14 7 5		
Puller-out	12 11 8		
Saw-doctor	13 5 2		
Shaper	14 17 8		
Motor Lorry Driver	16 19 2		
Sawyer	15 19 8		
Spotters	14 4 2		
Swampers	to		
Stacker	15 9 8		
Tractor Driver (Log Hauling)	15 9 8		
Timber Yards:			
Buzzer	13 13 5		
Motor Lorry Driver	to		
Grader	15 13 11		
Moulding Machinist	14 4 11		
Sawyer	to		
Shaper	15 1 11		
Tenoner	13 13 5		
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No. 49.—Minimum Rates of Wages payable under Awards of Courts of Arbitration and Industrial Agreements in certain Industries and Occupations as at 31st December, 1955—continued.

Industry and Occupation.	Wages.	Industry and Occupation.	Wages.
CLASS XVI.—HEAT, LIGHT AND POWER—continued.	£ s. d.	MISCELLANEOUS—continued.	£ s. d.
Gas Works: (a)	Per week.	Boarding and/or Lodging House (with-out Board)—continued.	Per week.
Retort Operator-in-Charge	15 16 5	Waitress	8 4 1
Ganger-in-Charge, Main Gang	15 4 11	Housemaid, Pantrymaid	8 4 1
Gas meter Maker or Repairer	15 2 5	Brushmaking:	
	to	(Male):	
Retort Operator (Shift work)	15 7 5	Hair Pan Hands, Brush Pan Hands,	
Carburetted Water Gas Plant Operator	14 13 11	Bottle Brush Makers, Finishers,	
Maintenance Man	14 13 11	Millet Broom Makers, Ducoers,	
Stove Fitter and Repairer	14 19 11	Lacquers	14 5 11
Service Layer	14 9 11	All Others	12 12 5
Main Layer or Caulker	14 9 11	(Female):	
Stove Assemblers	13 14 11	Bench Drawers, Filling Machine Opera-tors, Sprayers	8 9 1
Assistants to—Service Layer	13 10 5	All Others	8 4 1
Men Emptying or filling Purifier	13 15 5	Building Trades:	
Labourers	12 12 5	Carpenters, Joiners	17 16 9
		Bricklayers, Rubble Wallers	17 13 9
		Painters, Signwriters	17 13 0
		Stonemasons	17 11 9
		Plasterers	17 15 3
		Plumbers	17 16 3
		Labourer	14 6 10
			to
			15 7 9
		Butchering and Slaughtering:	
		Shop Section: (c)	
		Order Cart Hand	13 5 5
			to
			15 4 11
		General Butcher	15 4 11
		Cutting Cart Hand	15 4 11
			to
			15 14 11
		Smallgoodsman	15 14 11
			to
			15 14 11
		First Shopman	15 14 11
		Beef Carters' Section:	
		Motors, under 25 cwt.	13 15 5
			to
			13 18 5
		Motors, 25 cwt. and over	14 7 5
			to
			Per 100.
		Export Slaughtermen:	
		Pieceworkers	(Chain System).
		Group "A," Catching, Sticking, Shack-ling	0 12 7
		Group "B," Skinning, etc.	6 14 3
		Composite Rate (Robbs Jetty)	7 6 10
			Per week
			13 17 5
		Attendants on Slaughterman....	to
			14 11 5
		Abattoirs Section, Midland Junction:	Per 100.
		Tally Slaughterman (d):	(Chain System).
		Sheep:	
		Group "A," Catching, Sticking, Shackling	5 0 0
		Group "B," Skinning, Gutting, etc.	Per head.
			0 5 4½
		Cattle	Per week.
		Other than Slaughterman:	
		Sheep:	
		Roller brander	14 18 8
		All Others	14 5 2
		Cattle:	
		Knocker, Shackle-holster, Bleeder, Headcutter, Trimmer, Splitting Sawman, Hide Checker	16 18 8
		All Others	14 5 2
		Motor Wagon Driver:	
		25 cwt. or less	14 8 5
		Over 25 cwt. and up to 3 tons	14 18 5
		Over 3 and up to 6 tons	15 8 5
		Loaders, Yardmen, Horse and Motor Drivers' Assistants	13 6 5
		Passenger Carrying:	
		Omnibus Drivers +—	15 2 5
		Ordinary Vehicles	to
			15 8 5
		Articulated Vehicles	16 1 5
		Taxi-car Drivers	14 0 11
		Washers (night)	13 9 11
		Fare Collectors (Female)	9 2 2
		Cemetery Employees:	
		Grave Digger	14 4 11
		Gardener	15 19 11
			13 3 5
		Maintenance Man	to
			13 9 11

(a) Rates exclude 3s. Industry Loading and 3s. Service Loading. (b) Subject to deduction for Board and Lodging, Adults £1 5s., per week. (c) Not including allowances of 1s. or 2s. 6d. (depending upon work) for tools of trade or clothing. (d) Tallyes per man per day—Sheep 80, Cattle 13. Minimum daily wage, £3 9s. 6d. † If collecting fares 1s. 6d. per day extra.

No. 49.—Minimum Rates of Wages payable under Awards of Courts of Arbitration and Industrial Agreements in certain Industries and Occupations as at 31st December, 1955—continued.

Industry and Occupation.	Wages.	Industry and Occupation.	Wages.
MISCELLANEOUS—continued.	£ s. d. Per week.	MISCELLANEOUS—continued.	£ s. d. Per Week.
Cleaning, etc. (Public Buildings):		Engine Driving—continued.	
Caretaker (Male)	15 13 5	Main Roads Board:	
Cleaner (Male)	13 17 5	Internal Combustion Roller Drivers:	
Cleaner (Female), Weekly Hand	9 9 1	10 tons and over	15 9 5
Lift Attendant (Male)	13 8 5	Under 10 tons	15 1 5
Window Cleaner (Male)	14 3 11	Motor Graders (Under 40 h.p.)	15 9 11
		Motor Graders (Over 40 h.p.)	16 5 11
Clerical:		Hairdressing:	
Wholesale and Retail Houses:		Hairdresser (Male)	15 2 5
Clerk (Senior)	16 7 5	Hairdresser (Female)	10 4 1
Clerk (Male)	13 11 11		
Clerk (Female)	15 12 5		
	9 16 7		
	10 6 1		
Diving (Marine) and Tending:	Per Shift.	Hospital Employees (General Hospitals) (a):	
Divers (when Diving)	5 5 0	Males:	
Divers (when not Diving)	14 17 5	Orderlies	13 2 5
Tenders (when Tending)	3 8 6		13 12 5
Tenders (when not Tending)	13 14 11	Kitchenman	13 2 5
			13 12 5
Dock, River and Harbour Works:		Females:	
Pile Driving:		Wardsmails, Kitchenmaids, etc.	8 11 7
Man in Charge	14 18 11	Cook—First	9 9 1
Others	13 11 11	Cook—Other	9 4 1
Drilling and Blasting Plant:			
Leading Hand	15 17 5	Hospital Employees (Private Hospitals) (b):	
Others	13 11 11	Males:	
Quarry Worker	14 13 5	Orderly	13 2 5
Miscellaneous:	13 11 11	Kitchenman, Yardman, Handyman	13 2 5
Ganger	14 18 11	Laundryman	13 7 5
	15 17 5	Cook	13 17 5
Survey Hands	13 10 3	Females:	
Men employed hand-ramming hot bituminous macadam	13 15 5	Cook	9 1 8
	14 17 5	Kitchenmaid	8 9 2
Concrete Pile-driving Plant:			8 11 8
Man in Charge	15 17 5	Unregistered Nurses	to
Topman	14 13 3	Registered Nurses (see Nurses' Award, page 43).	8 16 8
Machine Man	14 4 11		
Dredge Employees:		Laundry Employees:	
Ladderman	14 17 5	Male	13 6 5
Quartermaster, Deckhands	13 17 5	Female	8 5 8
Winchman (Leading)	14 7 5		
Winchman (Other)	13 19 11	Mining (Coal): (c)	Per Shift.
Greaser	14 17 5	Miners	2 17 11½
Fireman	14 7 5	Loaderman (Mechanical Units)	3 5 6½
		Faceman, Shiftman (Mechanical Units)	3 1 11½
		Pumpman (d)	2 17 7
		Shiftman	2 17 11½
		Wheeler	2 15 0
		Tipplers	2 12 10½
		Gantry and Screeman	2 12 10½
		Surface Worker (Labourer)	2 11 7½
		Unclassified Worker (Underground)	2 14 6
Engine Driving:			
Government (excluding Railways):		Mining (Gold):	
Loco. Driver (Harbour Works)	15 11 5	General:	
Pile Driver	14 12 5	Rock-drill men	3 4 4
	to		to
Stationary Steam (2nd Class Certificate)	15 7 5		3 7 7
Stationary Steam (3rd Class Certificate)	14 17 5	Hand Miners	3 1 11
Steam Crane Drivers (25 Tons and over)	14 7 5		to
	15 0 11		3 5 2
	to	Shaft-timber Men	3 7 7
	16 5 11		

(a) If Board and Lodging provided £3 0s. 9d. per week to be deducted.

(b) If Board provided £2 0s. 6d. to be deducted. If Lodging provided £1 0s. 3d. to be deducted.

(c) Rates include Industry Allowance of £2 per week.

(d) Eight hour shift including one hour overtime.

No. 49.—Minimum Rates of Wages payable under Awards of Courts of Arbitration and Industrial Agreements in certain Industries and Occupations as at 31st December, 1955—continued.

Industry and Occupation.	Wages.	Industry and Occupation.	Wages.
MISCELLANEOUS—continued.	£ s. d.	MISCELLANEOUS—continued.	£ s. d.
Mining (Gold)—continued.	Per Shift.	Photographic Employees	Per Week.
Mullockers, Truckers, Shovellers	2 19 7	Male (Adult)	13 0 5
General Labourers (Surface)	2 18 10	to	13 4 11
Others	2 18 10		
Engineering:	3 10 1	Female (Adult)	8 4 1
Driller, Screwer, Motor Attendant	Per Week.		
Electrical Wireman, Lineman	16 4 1	Quarrymen:	
Pipe Fitter	17 6 7	Spallers	13 10 5
Coppersmith, Blacksmith	16 11 7	Jumpermen	13 5 11
Fitter, Turner	18 4 1	Crusher-feeders	13 14 5
Pattern-maker	18 4 1	Machine Man	13 10 5
Oxy-acetylene and Electric Welder	19 6 7	Powder Monkeys	13 19 5
Engine-driving, etc.:	18 4 1		
Winding Engine-driver (Special Shaft)	Per Shift.	Radio Workers:	
Winding Engine-driver (Other)	4 0 1	General Serviceman	16 7 5
Winch-driver	3 7 11	Workshop Serviceman	16 7 5
Loco. Engine-driver	3 13 1	Bench Assembler	13 17 5
Stationary Steam Engine-drivers	3 5 2		
Fireman, Leading	to	Railways (Government)	Per Shift.
Fireman, Steam and Producer	3 6 6	Engine Drivers	3 5 6
Greasers, Cleaners	3 7 11	Firemen	to
Trimmers	3 3 11	Cleaner	3 17 6
Boiler Cleaners	3 6 11	Guard	2 15 3
Motor Service Station Attendants:	3 3 8	Porter	to
Metropolitan	3 0 10	Shunter	3 2 6
South-West Land Division	3 0 8	Signalman	2 13 3
Rest of State	2 19 8	Motor Car and Lorry Drivers	to
Municipal Employees (Perth):	3 4 4	Ganger	2 17 1
Sanitary Employees:	Per Week.	Chainman	3 3 10
Rubbish Tipmen	12 17 5	Shop Assistants:	Per Week.
Rubbish or Dust Collector	12 16 8	Male	14 13 11
Sanitary Pan Removers	12 19 1	Female	9 14 1
Stage-hands, Trenchmen, Washers	13 3 11	Head Storeman, Head Despatch Hand	14 13 11
Attendants (Latrines)	16 18 5	Storeman	to
Motor Lorry Driver	13 15 11	Canvasser	14 18 11
Horse-drivers	14 13 5		14 11 11
Stablemen	13 13 5	Tramways:	
Motor Lorry-drivers	14 8 5	Trolley Bus Drivers	14 17 5
Sweepers, etc.	16 1 5	Petrol Bus Driver	15 8 5
Drainage Workers, etc.	12 14 11	Conductors	13 14 11
Nurses (Registered):	to	Drivers and Pitmen	to
Government and Public Hospitals (a)	11 14 1	Car Builders	14 9 11
Junior Sisters	11 19 1	Linesmen	16 3 5
Sisters (with 2 years experience as Junior Sister)	12 4 1	Worker Polegang	15 9 11
Relieving Sisters	to	Track Repairer	13 14 11
Assistant Matrons	12 19 1		
Matrons	13 0 3		
Nurses (Registered):	13 5 3		
Private Hospitals—	14 10 3		
Sisters:	to		
"B" Class	16 5 3		
"A" Class	17 0 3		
(Subject to deduction for Board £2 0s. 6d. and Lodging 19s. 9d.)	20 10 3		

(a) Rates are for Metropolitan Area and include deductions for Board and Lodging (living-in rate), £2 14s. 8d. If employees are required to live out, Board and Lodging figure of 52 per cent. of the prevailing Basic Wage is added to the net figure for living-in rate. Outside that area the difference in Basic Wage is to be added. There are also district allowances for certain localities.

No. 49.—Minimum Rates of Wages payable under Awards of Courts of Arbitration and Industrial Agreements in certain Industries and Occupations as at 31st December, 1955—continued.

Industry and Occupation.	Wages.	Industry and Occupation.	Wages.
MISCELLANEOUS—continued.	£ s. d.	MISCELLANEOUS—continued.	£ s. d.
Waterside Workers (Federal Award):	Per hour.	Wool Stores:	Per Week.
Lumper (General Cargo)	0 8 10	Head Classifier and/or Man in Charge of Store	16 7 5
Bulk Wheat—Machine Trimmer	0 10 4	Assistant Classifier	15 14 5
Bagged Wheat	0 9 4	Assistant Storeman	15 10 5
Wine and Spirit Warehouse Employees:	Per week.	Wool Sorter	15 6 5
Cellarman (Head)	15 17 5	Others	14 12 5
Storeman	14 12 11		
Others	14 7 11		

No. 50.—Minimum Rates of Wages payable to Apprentices, under Awards of Courts of Arbitration and Industrial Agreements, in certain Trades as at 31st December, 1955.

Trade.	Weekly Wages.*	Trade.	Weekly Wages.*
	£ s. d. £ s. d.		£ s. d. £ s. d.
Baking	3 17 5 to 12 19 8	Painting (including Paper-hanging, Glazing, Decorating and Signwriting)	3 15 9 to 12 12 5
Boilermaking	3 15 9 „ 12 12 5	Pastrycooking	3 15 9 „ 12 12 5
Bootmaking (Federal Award)	3 11 6 „ 12 4 0	Picture-framing	3 15 9 „ 12 12 5
Butchering	3 15 9 „ 12 12 5	Plumbing	3 15 9 „ 12 12 5
Carpentering	3 15 9 „ 12 12 5	Printing Trade—	
Coachbuilding	3 15 9 „ 12 12 5	Job Printing (Federal Award)	3 10 0 „ 11 13 0(b)
Engineering (Metal Trades)	3 15 9 „ 12 12 5	Job Printing (State Award)	3 15 9 „ 12 12 5
Furniture-making, etc.—		Newspaper Printing (Lino-type and Monoline, etc.)	6 9 5 „ 16 19 8
Machining Branch, Glass		Saddlery—	
Bevelling, Silvering, Mattress-making, Wire-weaving, and all other Branches	3 15 9 „ 12 12 5 a)	Males	3 15 9 „ 12 12 5
Hairdressing (Men's)	3 15 9 „ 12 12 5	Females	2 17 5 „ 8 11 1
Hairdressing (Ladies')—		Saw Mill Engineering	3 15 6 „ 12 11 8
Males	3 15 9 „ 12 12 5	Sheet-metal Working	3 15 9 „ 12 12 5
Females	2 7 7 „ 8 15 9	Tailoring (Order)—	
Jewellery	3 3 1 „ 12 12 5(b)	Males	3 1 6 „ 12 0 6
Moulding	3 15 9 „ 12 12 5	Females	3 16 0 „ 8 11 6
Optical Works	3 15 9 „ 12 12 5	Timber Machining (Metropolitan)	3 15 9 „ 12 12 5
		Watchmaking	3 3 1 „ 12 12 5(b)

* Range for five years' apprenticeship, unless otherwise shown. (a) Three to five years. (b) Six years.

XIV.—METEOROLOGICAL STATISTICS.

(Supplied by courtesy of the Deputy Director, Meteorological Services.)

No. 51.—Notes on the Rainfall and General Weather Conditions in Western Australia during 1955.

The year was one of good rains almost throughout the State. It opened with a tropical cyclone moving inland over Roebourne, and a little over a week later another one moved inland near Anna Plains.

The following month two small cyclonic centres affected the north-west coast. They brought good rain to most of the State, and in many places south of the tropics the rains were the heaviest ever recorded in February.

Rains in March were generally lighter than the earlier months, though at Kalumburu in the far north a total of nearly 15 inches was recorded, and at Newry Station in the East Kimberley Division 930 points fell in twenty-four hours.

In May and June there were further good falls throughout the tropics, and even in July moderately good rains were received in the Kimberleys, although in this region these three months are normally regarded as part of the Dry season.

Except in the Fortescue Division and adjacent districts, rainfall in the tropics was negligible between July and November when the new Wet season commenced in the Kimberleys. In the latter month another cyclone crossed the coast, bringing nearly 20 inches to Kalumburu in the far north, and lighter falls to the rest of the Kimberleys.

The northern sub-tropics did not fare as well as the remainder of the State, and the Gascoyne Division, particularly in the western part, was the driest in the State.

In the southern half of the State unprecedented rains fell in February and caused widespread flooding. Washaways occurred in roads and railways. Houses and business premises were flooded in country centres, fences and bridges washed away, and crops damaged.

The month was one of temperature contrasts. In Perth the maximum temperature of 66·9 degrees on the 14th, was the lowest on record, while after the 18th it exceeded 90 degrees on every day of the month and exceeded 100 on three of them. There were a number of deaths during this period due mainly to the heat and high humidity.

Pastures commenced to grow, and in many places survived, until the normal Winter rains commenced in May. Although there were unusually heavy rains in the summer and autumn months, the Winter rains in the wheat belt were below normal in June and July. Towards the end of July the axis of the anti-cyclonic belt across Western Australia moved further north, allowing the influence of southern depressions to extend further inland. From this time until the end of August there were frequent showers and even in the drier parts of the marginal wheatbelt rain was recorded on more than 50 per cent. of the days. By the end of the month crops which earlier had been only just surviving, had made a remarkable recovery. As one observer put it, the change in the condition of crops and pastures during this time was the nearest we are ever likely to see to a miracle. By the end of the season crops were uniformly good, and in many places the best on record.

With the advent of the winter gales heavy seas pounded the coast line, and on occasions undermined the West Coast Highway at City Beach, part of it collapsing into the sea. Beach structures were toppled over, and in some places the beach was washed away, leaving bare rock in its place.

Earth tremors occurred in the South-West Division in February, April and August, considerable damage being caused to a few houses.

A tornado was reported in the vicinity of the Watheroo Magnetic Observatory in March, and another moved inland over Swanbourne and Cottesloe in September, damaging about 50 houses.

Widespread frosts, extending at times into the tropics, followed the severe winter storms, on one occasion snow fell on the Stirling Ranges. The continuance of these conditions for several days caused a severe check to market gardens and to crops and pasture in the farming districts.

The lowest temperature reported in the State was 25 degrees at Wandering in June. The highest was 118 degrees at Onslow in February.

Towards the end of the year temperatures in Perth were below normal, and the lowest December minimum on record was recorded on the 10th. However, the latter part of the month more than compensated for this, and temperatures exceeded 90 degrees on nine of the last eleven days.

Further details of the years weather are shown in the following monthly summaries.

January.

The cyclone which passed inland over Roebourne during the early hours of the 1st drove the S.S. Dulverton ashore and unroofed most of the buildings in the town and later unroofed buildings at Wittenoom Gorge. It then moved rapidly across the State passing into the Bight near Eucla on the 2nd. Winds in the southern part of the State were not high, but there were some heavy rains. Water draining off the Nullarbor Plain covered the Trans-Australian railway and caused scouring which delayed a train for thirty-six hours.

The second cyclone which passed inland between Anna Plains and La Grange in the early hours of the 12th, caused some minor damage to buildings, and heavy losses of cattle at Anna Plains. It moved southwards, decreasing in intensity, but caused some good rains in the central and eastern portions of the State.

February.

In this month two small cyclone centres appeared in the tropics, one weakening and passing inland near Carnarvon, the other dissipating in the Indian Ocean.

Phenomenal rains were reported from the southern half of the State, where the average fall for this month is about half an inch. Totals of over eleven inches were reported from places in the South-West Division and in the far north Kalumburu recorded almost fourteen inches. The only part of the State which did not receive good rains was the Onslow-Meekatharra-Shark Bay area and the Nullabor Plain.

Road and rail traffic was disrupted and many country towns flooded. Grape and vegetable crops were adversely affected. Silt laden flood waters from the Swan could be seen beyond Rottnest Island. In Perth the February total of 6.55 inches was the highest on record.

The floods were followed by a heat wave. In Perth five sudden deaths on one day were mainly attributable to heat, while several babies in metropolitan hospitals died from "dehydration."

Losses of from two to three per cent of their flocks from heat exhaustion were common among poultry farmers near the metropolitan area, and some lost up to five per cent.

The heat caused a rapid drying out of grass and scrub, and at one stage in the Yunderup area there were the strange combination of bush fires and one of the worst floods on record.

March.

In this month conditions returned more to normal. Easterly winds predominated in all divisions except the West Kimberley and De Grey where they were westerlies. Rainfall was about normal, the highest total being 1488 points at Kalumburu, and the lowest Nil at places in the South-West Division.

On the first day of the burning off season there were many bush and scrub fires. One in the Canning Dam area on a front of about eight miles was fought by local fire brigades and forestry men with bulldozers for about twenty-four hours before being brought under control. During the time about 1,000 hand planted ornamental trees were destroyed, as well as the natural forest.

April.

Early in the month during the Easter period, Perth had its wettest April day since 1904, and as frequently happens, campers from Geraldton southwards were flooded out and sporting fixtures cancelled. The West Coast Highway at City Beach was again damaged by the sea.

The rains however were well received in the agricultural areas, where they revived pastures germinated by the February floods, and gave promise of an excellent season.

Unusual occurrences during this month were the blockage of a road near Kulin with hailstones, which were said to be packed two feet thick. Traffic was held up until they thawed. On this day thunderstorms occurred over most of the State. In the country, roads, telephone and power lines were interrupted by falling trees and in Perth lightning struck various buildings and a tram. Three men and a woman were struck, two of the men being admitted to hospital, but there were no fatalities.

By the end of the month, rainfall in Perth was the highest since 1926 and the third highest on record.

May.

The outstanding feature of the weather this month was the widespread rain in the tropics. Totals of over five inches were common, and rainfall was above normal everywhere south of Halls Creek.

Towards the end of the month gales and rain swept across the southern half of the State. The West Coast Highway was again undermined at City Beach, groynes and concrete promenades and other beach structures damaged by the sea and the usual trees and telephone lines brought down.

One tree fell almost on a moving car, a large branch going through the back window. Small craft were blown ashore at a number of coastal towns and at Perth winds reached 68 m.p.h.

The thickest fog for years occurred in the metropolitan area on the night of the 21st, bringing traffic almost to a standstill. Perth Airport was closed from 8 p.m. till 8.30 a.m. the next day.

A man and his son sheltering under a tree during a thunderstorm were struck by lightning, the son being killed.

June.

In this month the anti-cyclonic systems were further south than normal; depressions were likewise further south and only one major system developed in the vicinity of Cape Leeuwin.

Because of this, rainfall in the South-West Division was below normal, and in Perth the month's total, 344 points, was the lowest since 1893.

On the other hand there were heavy rains in the inland and eastern parts of the State. Floods on the Nullabor Plain washed away the ballast from about ten chains of the Trans-Australian

Railway, and passengers arriving at Perth said that sections of the plain resembled big lakes. The East-West road was impassable for several days, with many cars and transports bogged in different places. Other roads in the region between Nullagine, Mt. Magnet and Norseman were impassable at times.

For the last week or so there were widespread frosts in the southern half of the State. Screen temperatures of 35 degrees were recorded in Perth, 25 degrees in Wandering and 31 degrees at Mundiwindi, almost in the tropics. Many crops in market gardens about the metropolitan area were ruined.

July.

In most of this month the anti-cyclonic belt appeared again to be further south than usual in the winter. However after the 20th the anti-cyclonic belt moved northward, and a series of depressions brought frequent rain and gales to the southern half of the State.

Due to the comparatively dry first three weeks, rainfall for the month was below normal in the agricultural area and in the western half of the State.

However, the westerly gales of the last week caused widespread damage to buildings and power supplies in country centres. At Mosman Park railway station a waiting shed was torn from its foundations and tossed onto its roof 20 feet away. In other suburbs houses were unroofed, a woman lifted by an umbrella and flung to the ground, necessitating medical attention, and a tree three feet in diameter brought down on a parked car, crushing it.

Shipping and aircraft were delayed, beaches further eroded by the seas and market gardens damaged by wind and flood. Winds reached 66 m.p.h. at the Weather Bureau and were reported as 74 m.p.h. from Fremantle and 79 m.p.h. from the "Nestor," 100 miles west of the coast. Small boats were sunk at moorings or washed ashore in coastal towns, and by the end of the month normal winter conditions were well established.

August.

Throughout the month the anti-cyclonic belt remained well to the north of Perth, and weather over the southern half of the State was controlled by a series of depressions which caused persistent westerly winds and frequent rain.

By the end of the month Dwellingup had recorded nearly 22 inches of rain, and at most places in the agricultural areas winter rainfall was above normal, despite the deficiencies in June and July.

Severe gales hampered shipping, and many ships arrived at Perth in a damaged condition and with injured seamen. One freighter reported winds of 100 m.p.h. off Cape Leeuwin, and was hove to for two days. Another put in at Albany with 17 feet of water in one hold. The usual storm damage and local flooding occurred in country districts.

In Perth the wind reached 78 m.p.h. at its peak, and there were 29 wet days, the highest number in August since records were commenced.

September.

The rain and gales of the previous month continued during the first week of September, but conditions gradually moderated and although rain was experienced almost daily in the south-west coastal areas, it was not so frequent inland. Nevertheless monthly totals were above normal in most of the State west of a line Port Hedland-Eucla. Elsewhere no rain at all was recorded in most places.

On the 24th a small tornado passed inland over Swanbourne and Cottesloe, damaging about 50 houses. Tiles and corrugated iron were swept from roofs, and fences, doors, power and telephone lines were blown down between the beach and Stirling Highway. It made a loud whistling roar as it approached, lifting water from the sea before it crossed the beach, where a great flurry of sand was swept upwards.

October.

The location of the anti-cyclonic belt across the State was still north of Perth during this month, and instead of the normal periods of fine weather and easterly winds expected in Perth during this month, there were periods of dull cloudy weather between showers.

Rainfall was above normal in the South-West and Eucla Divisions, but mainly below normal elsewhere.

In most places day temperatures were low, but in contrast to the remainder of the State, Wyndham and Halls Creek recorded temperatures above normal on nearly every day of the month, Halls Creek exceeding the century on all but four days.

Perth's mean maximum, 66.3 degrees, was the lowest in October for 31 years, and the third lowest on record. On the 25th an unusually bright solar halo was visible from the city for most of the morning.

November.

After a period in which practically no rain was recorded in the tropics, a cyclone developed off the north-west coast, and moved inland near Pardoo Station on the 18th, thereafter rapidly losing its intensity. Heavy rains were reported in the far north, Kalumburu reporting a total of 1259 points in two days, and a total of nearly 20 inches for the month.

There were other good, but much lighter falls in the Kimberleys, but little rain fell in the remainder of the tropics.

South of the tropics conditions became more typical of summer as the anti-cyclonic belt moved southward, winds backed to easterlies and showers decreased. Rainfall totals for the month were below normal west of a line Port Hedland-Rawlinna and above normal east of it.

December.

Many of the stations in the lower South-West received more than their normal rainfall, but elsewhere in the State falls were disappointing. A tropical depression which formed off the north-west coast on the 9th failed to intensify, and although more than an inch fell at Port Hedland and Fitzroy the majority of northern stations reported only light falls. Further rains fell in the Kimberleys towards the end of the month as the result of thunderstorm activity but they were not heavy enough to raise totals to the normal for December.

Low pressure troughs extending down the west coast were responsible for the high temperatures experienced in all divisions except the South-Eastern and Eucla after the 21st.

No. 52—Abstract of Meteorological Observations.

A.—Observations at Perth (Latitude, 31° 57' S. Altitude above mean sea-level, 210 feet. Longitude, 115° 51' E).

A.—Observations at Perth (Latitude, 31° 37' S. Longitude 115° 16' E. Mean Sea Level, 120 feet.)																				
1955.		Barometric Pressure. (Inches at Mean Sea Level).					Shade Temperature (° Fahr.).							Evaporation.		Rainfall.				
Month.	Mean 9 a.m. & 3 p.m.	Normal.	Highest.	Lowest.	Mean Maxi- mum.	Normal.	Highest.	Highest Since 1897.		Mean Mini- mum.	Normal.	Lowest.	Lowest Since 1897.		Points.		Points.		Wet Days.	
								Max.	Year.				Min.	Year.	Total.	Average 56 † Years.	Total.	Average 79 † Years.	Total.	Average 79 † Years.
January	29.94	29.91	30.19	29.66	87	85	102	110	1934	65	63	49	49	1925	996	1,023	16	31	4	3
February....	29.80	29.92	30.09	29.48	87	85	105	112	1933	69	64	60	48	1902	701	858	655	39	7	3
March	29.97	29.97	30.48	29.71	84	82	102	106	1922	64	61	56	46	1903	794	748	5	81	1	4
April	29.97	30.06	30.29	29.59	73	76	94	100	1910	57	57	47	39	1914	371	468	493	176	13	7
May	30.03	30.07	30.34	29.29	67	69	74	90	1907	52	53	47	34	1914	317	273	533	500	11	14
June	30.13	30.05	30.39	29.63	61	64	69	82	1917	46	50	35	35	1920	217	181	344	730	10	17
July	30.08	30.09	30.45	29.56	63	63	69	76	1921	46	48	39	34	1916	192	175	589	679	17	18
August	29.88	30.08	30.18	29.46	63	64	66	82	1940	51	48	43	35	1908	277	238	1,120	564	29	18
September ..	30.04	30.07	30.45	29.60	66	67	76	91	1918	50	50	43	38	1952	375	345	296	330	16	14
October	29.95	30.03	30.23	29.45	66	70	80	95	1922	51	52	45	40	1931	453	538	489	216	19	12
November	29.98	29.99	30.35	29.57	75	76	89	105	1913	55	57	47	42	1904	696	754	26	83	6	7
December	29.95	29.92	30.22	29.71	82	81	102	108	1904	59	61	48	48	1954	914	955	86	60	5	4
Mean	29.98	30.02	...	...	73	73	...	...	1933	56	55	...	...	1916	...	...	...	...	...	...
Extreme .....	...	...	30.48	29.29	...	...	105	112	...	...	...	35	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,303	6,553	4,652	3,490	138	121
† Average for 79 years up to and including 1954.																				

† Average for 56 years up to and including 1954.

‡ Average for 79 years up to and including 1954.

B—Summary of Rainfall in Meteorological Divisions. Year ended 31st December, 1955.

District.	Mean for Year ended 31st Decem- ber, 1955.	Thirty Year Normal.	Percentage Departure from Thirty Year Normal.	Highest Fall.	Lowest Fall.
	Points.	Points.	%	Points.	Points.
North Kimberley	5,493	2,515	118 Above	Kalumburu 7,133	Wyndham 3,852
East Kimberley	1,650	1,872	12 Below	Turkey Creek 2,331	Pallotine Mission 952
West Kimberley	2,443	2,008	22 Above	La Grange Bay 2,839	Fitzroy Crossing 1,961
De Grey	1,661	1,181	41 Above	Marble Bar 2,128	Whim Creek 1,125
Fortescue	1,518	995	53 Above	Wittenoom Gorge 2,356	Onslow 770
West Gascoyne	519	845	39 Below	Hamelin Pool 644	Carnarvon 444
East Gascoyne	1,168	892	31 Above	Mundiwindi 2,582	Murgoo 735
North Coastal	2,022	1,590	27 Above	Barberton 3,112	Canna 1,303
Central Coastal	4,793	3,549	35 Above	Jarrahdale 6,333	New Norcia 3,574
South Coastal	5,027	3,675	37 Above	Walpole 7,861	Hopetoun 2,723
North Central	1,812	1,386	31 Above	Toodyay 3,446	Trayning 1,322
South Central	2,575	1,710	51 Above	Wandering 4,175	Narembeen 1,665
Eucla	1,405	830	69 Above	Rawlinna 1,853	Forrest 972
South-Eastern	1,669	1,037	61 Above	Leonora 2,035	Norseman 1,233
North-Eastern	1,696	891	90 Above	Earaheedy 1,990	Warburton Ranges 1,392

C—Percentage departure from Mean Rainfall for each Division—Year ended 31st December, 1955.
(Particulars in bold type denote above normal.)

Division.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year.
North Kimberley	15	105	107	294	2,164	240	3,513	1,750	— 80	— 95	712	— 47	118
East Kimberley	— 31	— 35	— 25	102	283	11	779	71	— 40	— 61	73	— 84	— 12
West Kimberley	— 13	— 56	— 57	40	458	335	433	—100	—100	—100	343	— 76	22
De Grey	95	— 3	— 84	— 76	384	308	136	186	— 57	—100	3	— 52	41
Fortescue	162	— 56	— 92	— 40	293	276	13	292	11	—100	150	— 70	53
West Gascoyne	— 52	— 10	— 92	— 85	— 11	— 78	— 49	37	50	67	—100	— 77	— 39
East Gascoyne	186	82	— 49	16	— 20	57	— 10	15	305	5	— 87	— 75	31
North Coastal	102	631	— 80	68	35	— 60	— 25	103	7	64	—100	— 26	27
Central Coastal	— 36	1,125	— 87	130	1	— 47	— 16	123	2	111	— 77	34	35
South Coastal	— 11	666	— 85	111	1	— 26	— 1	118	7	96	— 47	60	37
North Central	— 30	626	— 23	26	10	— 61	— 31	94	92	28	— 79	— 58	31
South Central	— 75	1,383	— 35	118	— 17	— 50	— 29	127	50	29	— 90	— 37	51
Eucla	463	— 48	— 58	127	— 28	486	91	— 33	140	30	48	— 80	69
South-Eastern	293	166	23	12	— 17	148	— 8	25	392	— 3	— 65	— 79	61
North-Eastern	244	16	9	22	— 6	485	294	245	192	— 39	77	— 85	90

XV.—PARLIAMENTARY ROLLS.

No. 53.—Legislative Assembly, General Elections, 14th February, 1953.

Electoral Districts.	Net Enrolment at 14th February, 1953.			Electoral Districts.	Net Enrolment at 14th February 1953.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Males.	Females.	Total.
Albany	3,171	3,111	6,282	Narrogin*	2,349	2,155	4,504
Avon Valley*	2,224	1,952	4,176	Nedlands	4,466	5,117	9,583
Blackwood*	2,562	2,224	4,786	Northam*	2,610	2,460	5,070
Boulder	2,128	1,995	4,123	Perth, East	3,776	4,027	7,803
Bunbury*	2,610	2,684	5,294	Perth, North	3,517	4,020	7,537
Canning	6,575	6,939	13,514	Perth, South	3,985	4,546	8,531
Claremont	4,524	5,081	9,605	Perth, West	3,617	4,144	7,761
Collie*	2,423	2,146	4,569	Pilbara	768	366	1,134
Cottesloe	3,623	4,460	8,083	Roe*	3,002	2,317	5,319
Dale	3,135	3,057	6,192	Stirling*	2,687	2,274	4,961
Darling Range	2,761	2,933	5,694	Subiaco	3,503	4,737	8,245
Eyre	1,803	1,432	3,235	Toodyay*	2,977	2,385	5,362
Fremantle	4,299	4,235	8,534	Vasse*	2,820	2,515	5,335
Fremantle, South*	4,952	4,860	9,812	Victoria Park	4,017	4,389	8,406
Gascoyne	1,055	602	1,657	Warren*	2,687	2,211	4,898
Geraldton	2,840	2,441	5,281	Wembley Beaches	5,281	6,127	11,408
Greenough	2,365	2,194	4,559				
Guildford-Midland	4,712	4,950	9,662	Total	160,151	159,790	319,941
Hannans	2,073	2,058	4,131				
Harvey	2,459	2,110	4,569				
Kalgoorlie*	2,357	1,492	3,849				
Katanning*	2,363	2,168	4,531				
Kimberley*	640	370	1,010				
Leederville	3,600	4,199	7,799	<i>Electors in Contested</i>			
Maylands	4,408	4,742	9,150	<i>Districts</i>	99,599	106,045	205,644
Melville	5,653	5,970	11,623				
Merredin-Yilgarn*	2,308	1,658	3,966	<i>Electors in Uncontested</i>			
Middle Swan*	6,122	6,242	12,364	<i>Districts</i>	60,552	53,745	114,297
Moore*	2,829	2,268	5,097				
Mount Hawthorn	5,200	5,492	10,692	<i>Votes Recorded (including</i>			
Mount Lawley	3,530	4,432	7,962	<i>5,028 Informal</i>			
Mount Marshall*	2,323	1,910	4,233	<i>Votes)</i>	93,307	98,918	192,225
Murchison*	1,848	1,178	3,026				
Murray	2,609	2,415	5,024				

* Uncontested Districts.

No. 54.—Legislative Council, General Elections, 8th May, 1954.

Province.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Province.	Males.	Females.	Total.
<i>Number on Roll.</i>				<i>Number on Roll.</i>			
Central*	5,727	1,870	7,597	South-West*	6,386	1,854	8,240
Metropolitan*	9,243	5,574	14,817	West	7,981	3,487	11,468
Suburban	17,991	8,997	26,988	Total	63,932	26,218	90,150
Midland*	3,569	762	4,331	<i>Electors in Contested Pro-</i>			
North	1,300	223	1,523	<i>vinces</i>	34,351	15,024	49,375
North-East	3,748	1,372	5,120	<i>Votes Recorded (including</i>			
South*	4,656	1,134	5,790	<i>237 Informal Votes)</i>	17,107	7,064	24,171
South-East	3,331	945	4,276				

* Uncontested Provinces.

XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 55.—Building Operations—New Buildings Completed.

Note.—The figures hereunder cover the operations of all builders who accept contracts for the construction of new buildings and the day labour building operations of the principal Governmental construction agencies. The operations of "Owner-Builders" are also included. The value of land on which the buildings were erected is not included in the values shown in the following tables:—

A.—HOUSES COMPLETED—CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO MATERIALS OF OUTER WALL.

Period.	Brick, Stone, Cement.		Wood (a).		Fibro-Cement (a).		Other (a).		Total.	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
1946	578	£,000 640	186	£,000 140	373	£,000 296	227	£,000 172	1,364	£,000 1,248
1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
1948	1,252	1,715	328	250	1,436	1,347	29	22	3,043	3,334
1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951—Contract	1,547	3,377	323	384	1,779	2,744	169	204	3,818	6,709
Owner-Built	608	1,183	130	141	1,154	1,497	21	14	1,913	2,835
Total	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952—Contract	1,906	5,202	625	1,428	2,189	3,939	127	254	4,847	10,823
Owner-Built	1,100	2,895	120	181	1,655	2,739	8	9	2,883	5,824
Total	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953—Contract	1,514	4,822	909	2,525	2,214	4,794	17	45	4,654	12,186
Owner-Built	1,162	3,595	67	132	1,752	3,483	7	9	2,988	7,219
Total	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954—Contract	1,600	5,565	173	442	3,006	6,872	....	....	4,770	12,879
Owner-Built	1,265	4,202	41	88	1,817	3,961	4	4	3,127	8,255
Total	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955—Contract	1,977	7,108	194	540	3,838	9,251	3	8	6,012	16,907
Owner-Built	1,291	4,667	31	81	1,433	3,363	5	9	2,760	8,120
Total	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1955—										
March Quarter—										
Contract	392	1,398	22	55	789	1,911	....	....	1,203	3,364
Owner-Built	293	1,051	8	15	369	849	1	1	671	1,916
Total	685	2,449	30	70	1,158	2,760	1	1	1,874	5,280
June Quarter—										
Contract	500	1,753	84	243	1,253	3,020	....	....	1,837	5,016
Owner-built	355	1,243	7	14	409	952	....	....	771	2,209
Total	855	2,996	91	257	1,662	3,972	....	....	2,608	7,225
September Quarter—										
Contract	457	1,660	32	81	877	2,096	2	5	1,368	3,842
Owner-built	277	1,032	6	22	299	714	1	1	583	1,769
Total	734	2,692	38	103	1,176	2,810	3	6	1,951	5,611
December Quarter—										
Contract	628	2,297	56	161	919	2,224	1	3	1,604	4,685
Owner-Built	366	1,341	10	30	356	843	3	7	735	2,226
Total	994	3,638	66	191	1,275	3,072	4	10	2,339	6,911

(a) As from the December Quarter, 1946, timber-framed houses have been classified according to predominant material of outer walls. Previously, houses with outer walls partly of wood and partly of fibro-cement had been classified as "Other."

B.—OTHER NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period.	Dwellings Other than Houses (b).		Shops without Dwellings attached.		Factories.		Other Buildings.		Total.	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
1946	7	6	9	5	52	82	136	186	204	299
1947	11	19	17	12	37	64	147	315	212	400
1948	15	52	21	41	49	100	247	391	332	614
1949	20	51	24	29	57	215	293	623	394	943
1950	281	279	35	56	41	263	393	595	750	1,173
1951	319	260	21	46	40	459	412	940	792	1,775
1952	99	378	32	90	63	667	572	2,152	766	3,282
1953	185	438	174	471	84	817	540	3,186	933	4,912
1954	265	612	286	754	111	1,544	558	4,261	1,220	7,171
1955	438	1,258	356	1,025	129	3,405	577	5,875	1,500	11,563
1955—										
March Quarter	69	246	68	216	32	1,235	117	1,357	286	3,054
June Quarter	104	324	103	271	33	851	126	989	366	2,435
September Quarter ..	112	302	86	260	36	1,064	149	2,309	333	3,935
December Quarter ..	153	386	99	278	28	255	185	1,220	465	2,139

(b) Including Shops with dwellings attached.

No. 56.—Building Permits Issued by Local Governing Authorities in the Metropolitan Area.

(Excludes Commonwealth, State and Local Government Buildings as permits are not issued for such.)

Period.	New Dwellings and Hotels. (See Footnote).		New Stores, Factories, Warehouses, and other Buildings.		Additions and Alterations.		Total Permits Issued.	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
1945-46	1,386	1,249,306	111	70,853	2,632	315,713	4,129	1,635,877
1946-47	1,828	2,019,417	92	132,799	2,888	338,368	4,808	2,490,584
1947-48	2,104	2,584,501	94	191,704	3,524	460,441	5,722	3,236,646
1948-49	2,700	3,686,753	101	325,731	3,736	426,956	6,537	4,439,490
1949-50	3,554	5,512,598	115	272,038	3,561	477,004	7,230	6,261,640
1950-51	5,818	11,035,330	164	633,360	4,725	887,065	10,707	12,555,756
1951-52	5,355	11,673,354	245	1,119,398	5,631	1,274,005	11,231	14,066,756
1952-53	4,311	11,134,189	409	2,111,673	5,619	1,829,954	10,339	14,875,816
1953-54	6,133	16,634,863	657	3,069,354	5,560	1,921,776	12,350	21,625,993
1954-55	6,460	18,239,972	696	3,999,729	5,181	2,059,259	12,337	24,298,960
1955-56—								
September Quarter....	1,534	4,347,679	196	1,089,206	1,367	561,864	3,097	5,998,749
December Quarter	1,319	3,658,884	129	771,595	1,233	493,421	2,681	4,923,900

Note.—In order to show some comparability with the figures of pre-war years, new dwellings for the year 1945-46 and subsequent periods include certain dwellings being erected under Commonwealth-State Housing Schemes for which permits may not have been granted by the Local Government Authority.

No. 57.—Census of 30th June, 1954.

Summary of Population and Dwellings in Western Australia.

STATISTICAL DIVISIONS	Population.			Dwellings. (a)	
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Occupied.	(a) Un-occupied.
Metropolitan Area	171,832	176,815	348,647	90,741	1,839
Swan	24,370	22,032	46,402	12,004	1,478
South West	36,607	31,946	68,553	17,336	1,540
Southern Agricultural ..	19,140	16,985	36,125	9,159	445
Central Agricultural ..	30,502	25,422	55,924	13,378	407
Northern Agricultural ..	17,663	14,405	32,068	7,403	276
Eastern Goldfields	18,560	16,018	34,578	9,607	524
Central	2,930	1,864	4,794	1,205	29
North West	2,751	1,469	4,220	749	11
Pilbara	1,795	855	2,650	564	40
Kimberley	2,303	1,240	3,543	677	25
Migratory (b)	1,905	362	2,267	....	....
Total, Census, 30th June, 1954	330,353	309,413	639,771	162,823	6,614
Total, Census, 30th June, 1947	258,076	244,404	502,480	125,060	2,606

(a) For the purpose of the Census, a "dwelling" is any habitation occupied by a household group living together as a domestic unit, whether comprising the whole or part of a building. The term has, therefore, a very wide reference and includes, in addition to houses and flats, a great variety of "dwellings" ranging from a single-roomed shack to a multi-roomed hotel or institution.

The Term "unoccupied dwellings" is not synonymous with vacant houses and flats available for occupancy, but refers mainly to dwellings (including those used for week-end and holiday purposes) whose usual occupants were temporarily absent on the night of the Census. Newly-completed dwellings awaiting occupancy are also included.

(b) Persons (both passengers and crew) not enumerated elsewhere who at midnight between the 30th June and the 1st July, 1954 were on board ships or were travelling on long distance trains or aircraft.

No. 58.—Generation of Electricity—Metropolitan Power Stations.

Year ended 30th June.	Units Generated.	Units Sent out.	Month.	1955-56.	
				Units Generated.	Units Sent out
	k.w.h.	k.w.h.		k.w.h.	k.w.h.
1944	174,538,620	159,687,500	July	44,358,000	39,192,250
1945	186,377,360	170,699,600	August	44,235,000	39,099,350
1946	186,640,970	170,829,450	September	41,173,000	37,072,526
1947	201,025,250	184,237,550	October	41,739,000	37,736,500
1948	223,961,210	205,491,500	November	40,811,000	36,811,600
1949	220,625,530	200,947,100	December	42,173,600	37,954,700
1950	235,068,100	214,897,500			
1951	277,824,500	253,007,240			
1952	323,780,600	281,644,900			
1953	350,187,900	310,605,305			
1954	400,776,165	358,722,772			
1955	462,393,900	413,606,478			

No. 59.—Motor Vehicle Registrations.

A.—NEW VEHICLES.

(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles.)

Period.	Metropolitan Area.				Entire State.			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1946	536	328	11	422	637	718	16	513
1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,776
1949	3,250	1,141	79	1,160	6,592	3,722	156	2,120
1950	4,664	1,901	86	1,214	9,325	5,660	150	2,340
1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,068	5,471	112	1,939
1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,152	5,015	76	1,230
1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,657	6,000	70	1,267
1955	6,852	2,533	18	701	11,591	5,473	59	1,126
Months—1955—								
January	391	177	2	42	688	393	3	87
February	634	196	1	71	1,025	436	10	104
March	670	224	1	65	1,145	497	4	103
April	576	187		48	971	383		88
May	581	213	1	67	999	489	8	106
June	571	230	1	54	970	492	5	79
July	494	207	1	51	847	478	3	87
August	593	262		47	953	523		82
September	632	222	4	62	1,067	435	10	85
October	603	218	1	53	1,038	461	5	88
November	567	233		77	965	473	3	117
December	540	164	6	64	923	413	8	100

B.—MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (Effective Registrations).

(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles—see footnote.)

Date. (As at end of Month.)	Metropolitan Area.				Entire State.			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
1945—June	No. 18,478	No. 6,603	No. 244	No. 2,783	No. 30,635	No. 23,649	No. 294	No. 4,501
1946—June	19,214	7,989	204	4,295	31,316	28,147	309	6,794
1947—June	20,522	9,467	255	5,290	32,793	31,382	331	8,196
1948—June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
1949—June	24,259	11,330	364	6,729	39,989	37,680	648	10,972
1950—June	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
1951—June	32,966	14,461	499	8,876	56,109	46,150	950	14,521
1952—June	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
1953—June	41,231	18,394	537	9,855	69,833	54,639	1,035	15,559
1954—June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,217	58,471	1,117	15,237
1955—June	55,720	22,694	555	9,605	90,151	61,946	1,131	14,652
Months—1955—								
January	52,634	21,971	590	9,704	84,141	58,281	1,043	14,037
February	53,075	22,093	590	9,699	85,797	59,931	1,131	14,427
March	53,656	22,225	562	9,644	87,219	60,793	1,133	14,594
April	54,105	22,367	560	9,628	87,473	60,217	1,119	14,313
May	54,508	22,424	557	9,561	88,887	61,244	1,124	14,508
June	55,720	22,694	555	9,605	90,151	61,946	1,131	14,652
July	57,067	23,234	555	9,561	90,186	60,082	1,127	13,879
August	57,450	23,392	559	9,493	90,929	60,501	1,131	13,846
September	57,997	23,481	563	9,473	91,911	60,803	1,141	13,849
October	58,557	23,618	558	9,425	92,397	60,596	1,128	13,642
November	58,759	23,680	560	9,402	93,562	61,696	1,136	13,901
December	59,374	23,666	562	9,342	94,907	62,324	1,141	14,035

Note.—Commonwealth-owned vehicles (exclusive of all defence vehicles) registered at 31st December, 1955 comprise—Cars, 98 ; Wagons, Vans, Utilities, 813 ; Buses, 7 ; Motor Cycles, 6.

No. 60.—Employment.

FACORIES.

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(Base : Mean Employment in 1928-29, viz., 19,799, = 100.)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual Mean.
1945	142	142	144	144	144	145	146	145	143	140	140	144	143
1946	144	148	150	153	154	154	157	156	160	161	158	163	155
1947	162	164	166	167	168	167	167	167	168	168	169	170	167
1948	171	172	176	176	177	177	177	179	180	180	182	182	177
1949	179	182	186	187	187	187	182	189	190	191	192	194	187
1950	194	197	200	200	203	202	204	204	204	206	207	207	202
1951	208	212	215	215	216	215	218	217	216	217	217	215	214
1952	214	216	216	215	214	211	211	212	211	212	213	213	213
1953	213	217	220	221	222	220	221	221	223	224	227	227	221
1954	226	228	231	230	231	230	†229	†229	†228	†230	†231	†232	†230
1955	†233	†235	†236	†236	†236	†235	†233	†235	†236	†236	†238	†238	†236

† Preliminary figures based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

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